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Rock Island. Illinois
August 6th 1895

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Room.

Present C. L. Walker. C. J. Larkin. C. W. Durham. W. Johnson. J. W Welch. J. H Kerr. L. Kohn.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills. which were read allowed. and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Peoples Power Co.	$12.10
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
William Don	2.00
A. C. McClurg & Co	33.13
Kramer Bleuer & Co.,	20.80
Davenport Democrat	6.00
J. T. Noftsker	3.50
	135.86

The Librarians report for the month ending July 31st read. and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Religion & Philosophy	20
Social Science	21
Science & Useful Arts	31
Essays & General literature	124
Poetry	22
History & Travel	164
Fiction	1223
Juvenile Literature	610
Total	2,216

Received from fines $4.45

On motion proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. which resulted ~~resulted~~ in the election of C. L. Walker for President. and J. W. Welch for Secretary. On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to purchase a new charging case and necessary number of cards for the same. On motion the Librarian, and Assistant Librarian were granted a vacation of two weeks each to be taken at their convenience.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secretary

Rock Island. Illinois.
August 13th 1895

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

The Chairman of the Book Committee presented a list of books on Geology which were offered by J. H. Southwell for One hundred and twenty five dollars ($125.00) and moved the acceptance of the offer. which was voted down. The members believing that it was unadvisable to put so much money in one special subject.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secretary.

Rock Island, Illinois. Sept 3. 1895

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 55.33
Rock Island Argus	2.95
Eddy & Stroehle	11.00
M. J. Brown	7.00
A. C. McClurg & Co	13.08
H. N. Stone	5.00
Expenses	2.44
People's Power Co.,	15.90
Kramer Bleuer & Co	3.25
Katharine Gest	40.00
Total	155.95

As order #2080 issued to Rock Island Argus has been lost, the Finance Committee recommend that a duplicate for the amount $4.60 be issued. On motion carried.

The Librarian's report for month ending August 31st read, and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Religion & philosophy	28
Social Science	18
Science & Useful arts	20
Essays & General literature	122
Poetry	34
History & travel	180
Fiction	1342
Juvenile literature	658
Total	2402

Received from fines etc. $ 5.18

On motion which was unanimously carried the salary of Miss Ellen Gale was increased to seventy dollars per month beginning Sept. 1st. 1895.
President Walker announced the following committees for the ensuing year.

Committee on Books
J. W. Welch. Walter Johnson. C. W. Foss.

Committee on Finance
Louis Kohn. C. J. Larkin. C. W. Durham

Committee on Periodicals
Waller Johnson C. W. Durham. J. H. Kerr.

Committee on Rooms
C. J. Larkin. C. C. Carter. L. Kohn

Committee on Rules
C. W. Foss. J. W. Welch. C. C. Carter

On motion adjourned.
J. W Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island.

October 1. 1895

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

In absence of President Walker. on motion J. H. Kerr was elected President pro tem The Finance Committee presented the following bills. which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	$58.33
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	9.57
Library Bureau	4.50
People's Power Co..	18.75
W. Don.	3.85
	95.00

The Librarian's report for the month ending Sept. 30th read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Religion & philosophy	7
Social science	35
Science & Useful arts	30
Essays & literature	146
Poetry	28
History & travel	228
Fiction	1066
Juvenile literature	429
Total	1969

Received from fines $6.34

On motion the Committee on rooms were instructed to inform Mitchell & Lynde that the Library room need heat, and were authorized to arrange with him for heating same

On motion adjourned

J W. Welch. Secy

Rock Island
Nov. 5th 1895

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion approved.

The Finance committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Peoples Power Co.	$ 25.25
A. C. McClurg & Co.	46.20
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	28.85
Mitchell & Lynde	57 33
Library Bureau	3.91
E. B. McKown	1 00
Expenses	2 88
	165 42

The Committee recommended the presentation of bill of E. B. McKown for wood amounting to one dollar to Mitchell & Lynde for payment, as same was used for heating the Library room.

The Librarian's report for the month ending Oct. 31st, 1895. read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	18
Social science	28
Science & Useful arts	33
Fine arts	10
General literature	14 214
History & travel	264
Fiction	1242
Juvenile literature	563
Total	2386

Received from fines etc. $16.77

On motion the Committee on Rooms were directed to purchase two tables for the reference room, one of the larger, and one of the smaller size now in the Library room. On motion the Secretary was authorized to procure Shelf labels of the Dewey Classification at best terms and price On motion, Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to Col. King for his gift of books to the Library, including King's Geological Survey. Also a vote of thanks was given to Hon B. T. Cable for his gift of a Megalethoscope to the Library On motion the Book Committee were authorized to purchase "The Earth and its Inhabitants" by Reclus. bound in half Marocco at best terms, if in their judgment it seems best. On motion the Book Committee were authorized to buy Ridpath's "Universal History" half Russia binding for $22.00.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.

Secy

Rock Island, Illinois
Dec. 3. 1895

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
M. J. Brown	7.00
L. E. Bailey.	2.50
E. Gale	82
People's Power Co.,	27.80
Union Printing Co.,	12.00
R. Crampton.	4.90
	$ 113.35

The Committee on Periodicals presented a list of periodicals for 1896 which were on motion approved, and an order directed drawn for payment of the same. On motion the Book Committee were authorized to purchase the first twenty seven volumes of the Century Magazine for $12.00. The Book Committee were also authorized to purchase the Riverside Natural History and Webster's International Dictionary at the price offered by Mr Frank Lasher viz $ 47.70 for the two, bound in half Morocco, and an order directed drawn in payment of the same. The Librarian's report for the month ending Nov. 30th. was read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	28
Social science	22
Science & Useful arts	35

Fine arts	13
General literature	160
Poetry	70
Fiction	1486
Juvenile literature	782
History + Travel	304
Total	2,800

Received from fines etc. $4.01

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Jany 7. 1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion reading of minutes of previous meeting dispensed with. The following bills were presented read and approved. and on motion allowed and orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

People's Power Co.	$ 26.05
Rock Island Ice Co.	21.00
Kramer Bleuer & Co	95.90
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
R. I. Lumber & Manufacturing Co.	13.50
Walter S. Houghton	13.50
Expenses	363
A. C. McClurg & Co	102.31
	334.22

Librarian's report for the month ending December 31st was read. and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	17
Social science	16
Science & Useful arts	36
Fine Arts	8
General literature	130
Poetry	57
Fiction	1562
Juvenile literature.	782
History & travel.	291
History & travel issued by teachers.	114
Total.	3.013

Received from fines $ 6.31

On motion the request of Director Durham. of the Periodical Committee. that the Midland Monthly be subscribed for was granted. On motion adjourned. J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Feby. 4th 1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

Minutes of previous meeting read. and on motion approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, and on motion allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of the same except bill of E. B. McKown for wood which was charged to Mitchell & Lynde.

Mitchell & Lynde	57.33
E. B. McKown	1.00
Houghton Mifflin & Co	42.00
	$100.33

Librarian's report for the month ending January 31st. was read. and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	26
Social science	16
Science & useful arts	46
Fine arts	10
General literature	175
Poetry	46
Fiction	1780
Juvenile literature	832
History & travel	412
" " issued by teachers	139
Total	3,482

Received from fines etc. $8.11

On motion the secretary was authorized to subscribe for the American Catalogue 1890-1895.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, March 3. 1896.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion Walter Johnson was elected President pro tem

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

J. M. Buford	10.50
Kramer Bleuer & Co	5 95
Library Bureau	10.00
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Publishers Weekly	10.00
J. W. Stewart	2.75
Expenses	1.40
People's Power Co	48 15
Union Printing Co.	1 75
	148.83

The Librarian's report for the month ending Feby. 29th read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	29
Social science	27
Science & Useful arts	51
Fine arts	15
General literature	188
Poetry	80
Fiction	1971
Juvenile literature	1039
History & travel	420
History & travel issued by teachers to pupils	182
Total	4002.

Received from fines $16.23

On motion, the Committee on Periodicals were empowered to subscribe for the

Chicago Chronicle. The Committee on Ro-oms were authorized to purchase a new chair for the Delivery Desk.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.
April 7. 1896.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion J. H. Kerr was elected chairman pro tem. Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion approved.

The following bills were read, approved allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

People's Power Co.	$22.50
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
R. Haverstick	10.50
Hayes & Cleaveland	26.25
W. Don.	4.60
Library Bureau	4.65
R. R. Bowker.	3.50
D. Don.	3.80
Clemann & Salzmann	510
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	32.20
A. C. McClurg & Co.	79.89
Expenses	1 55
	252.87

Librarian's report for month ending March 31. read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	27
Social science	23
Science & useful arts	49
Fine arts	6
General literature	1.99
Poetry	80
Fiction	1825
Juvenile literature	948
History & travel	341
History & travel issued by teachers to pupils	204
Total	3.702

Received from fines $655

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, May 5. 1896.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion W. Johnson was elected President pro tem. Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion approved.

The following bills were read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 58.33
Kramer Bluer & Co	24.65
R. Crampton	2.10
Huesing & Hoeft	5.25
People's Power Co.	18.55
Miss Gale	8.33
	$ 117 21

The matter of increased janitor service was discussed and referred to the Committee on Rooms to investigate and report at next meeting.

The Librarian's report for the month ending April 30th, read, and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	21
Social science	18
Science & useful arts	36
Fine arts	10
General literature	200
Poetry	74
Fiction	1410
Juvenile literature	784
History & travel	244
Total	2797

Received from fines etc. $7.66

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. June 2. 1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

On motion W. Johnson was elected President pro tem

Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion approved. The following bills were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 58,33
Davenport Democrat	5 00
Dial	2 00
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	95,45
Union Printing Co	4 00
H. L. Schill	10,50
Hayes & Cleaveland	5 25
Huesing & Hoeft	5 75
People's Power Co.	14,20
D. Appleton & Co.	6 00
Expenses	1 33
	207 81

The Committee on Rooms reported progress in matter of Janitor, and asked for further time, which was on motion granted.

The Librarian's report for month ending May 31. read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	20
Social science	19
Science & Useful Arts	34
Fine Arts	11
General literature	156
Poetry	50
Fiction	1170
Juvenile literature	526
History & travel	167
Total	2153

Received from fines. $6.85

On motion the Book Committee were authorized to purchase "The People's Bible History" at best price possible.

On motion adjourned until Tuesday, June 9th at 7.30 p.m.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 9. 1896.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

The Finance Committee presented the following bill which was approved, allowed and on motion, an order directed drawn in payment of the same

A. C. McClurg & Co. $63.92

On motion Committee on Rooms was empowered to act in matter of change of Janitor service, and change of lock on Library room door.

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to investigate the matter of buying a safe, and report at next meeting

The Secretary presented the Annual report of the Board, which was examined, read, and approved as the report to be presented to the City Council.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. July 7. 1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion J. H. Kerr was elected President pro tem. The minutes of previous meeting read and on motion approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills. which were approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
C. H. Young	12.30
Peoples Power Co.	10.60
Eddy & Strochle	13.00
Union Printing Co.	820
G. L. Quist	525
F. Lasher.	500.
	112.68

The Librarian's report for month ending June 30. 1896 was read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	13
Social science	23
Science & Useful arts	24
Fine arts	10
General literature	162
Poetry	21
Fiction	1535
Juvenile literature	658
History & travel	126
Total.	2,572

Received from fines etc $6.96

The committee to whom was entrusted the matter of investigation of the buying a safe, reported having examined a safe owned by Mr Fiebig which they think suitable. which can be placed in our room. in good condition for Twenty Two dollars ($22.00). and reccomend the purchase of the same. On motion the reccomendation was adopted subject to the approval of a majority of the absent members. and the Secretary was requested to see the members as soon as possible. and authorized to purchase the safe if so approved. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor
and City Council of the City of Rock
Island. Illinois.

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1st. 1896 as per appended Exhibits. In doing this we are pleased to report that the interest of our citizens in the Library referred to in our last report has not abated but on the contrary has increased as will be shown by comparison of report of circulation as shown by Exhibit F" with that of last year. We are sorry that the report of accessions of volumes to the Library does not show the same increase, but can only account for it by the fact that our resources for the year were less than for last year; still we are glad to say there has been an increase and the Board of Directors have striven to use the funds in hand to the best advantage in purchasing books. Our expenditures have been kept within our resources, and the year closes with all our obligations promptly met and a small balance on hand, our room well furnished and in good condition.

Recapitulation of Reports.

Exhibit A shows Receipts.
" B " Expenditures.
" C " Treas report. bal. on hand.
" D " Librarian's receipts.
" E " Condensed report of finances.
" F " Accessions + circulation
" G " Classified circulation
" H " Percentage of circulation
" I " List of periodicals.

Exhibit J shows names of Directors and expiration of term of Office.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Welch Chas. L. Walker
Secy. President.

State of Illinois
Rock Island County } ss

I John W. Welch, Secretary &c, first having duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing report is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

H.C. Connelly
Notary Public.

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Statement of the receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1896.

1895				
June	1	By Balance	162	24
Aug.	28	Transferred from General Fund	3768	28
Sept.	3	Miss Gale Fines etc.	16	11
Dec.	2	" " "	13	11
1896 Jany	7	" " "	10	32
Febry	4	" " "	8	11
Apl	6	" " "	12	78
May	9	" " "	7	66
"	29	" " "	6	85
			4005	46

Correct Attest

Louis Kohn.
C.W. Durham.
C.J. Larkin.

B.

Statement of expenses of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1896.

				Library No	City No		
1895							
June	14	To A. C. McClurg + Co.	Books	2137	1035	68	25
July	1	" Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary June	2138	1036	60	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2139	1037	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2140	1038	15	00
	9	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2141	1044	58	33
	9	" C. H. Young	Awnings.	2142	1047	16	75
	9	" R. I. Daily Union	Subscription	2143	1043	5	20
	9	" G. L. Quist	Insurance	2144	1053	5	25
	9	" A. C. McClurg + Co.	Book	2145	1040	2	75
	9	" R. Crampton	Supplies	2146	1017	1	80
	9	" Eddy + Stroehle	Chicago papers	2147	1046	18	00
	9	" Kramer Bleuer + Co.	Supplies	2148	1045	5	40
	9	" Bancroft Co.	Book of the Fair	2149	1041	25	00
	9	" People's Power Co.	Light June	2150	1039	14	70
	9	" Ellen Gale	Expenses June	2151	1042	3	10
	9	" G. H. Kingsbury	Supplies	2152	1052	2	25
August	1	" Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary July	2153	1048	60	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2154	1049	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2155	1050	15	00
	6	" Peoples Power Co.	Light July	2156	1058	12	10
	6	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2157	1054	58	33
	6	" W. Don	Supplies	2158	1055	2	00
	6	" A. C. McClurg + Co.	Books	2159	1056	33	13
	6	" Kramer Bleuer + Co.	Binding	2160	1057	20	80
	6	" Davenport Democrat	Subscrip-	2161	1059	6	00
	6	" J. J. Noftsker	Stove pipe	2162	1070	3	50
Sept.	3	" Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary Aug.	2163	1060	60	00
		Forward				652	64

B.

				Library No	City No		
Sept.	3	Brought forward				652	64
"	3	To Harriet O. Carter	Salary Aug.	2164	1061	40	00
"	3	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2165	1062	15	00
"	3	" H. N. Stone	City Directory	2166	1063	5	00
"	3	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Aug.	2167	1067	58	33
"	3	" Rock Island Argus		2168	1098	4	60
"	3	" Eddy & Stroehle	Globe Democrat	2169	1071	11	00
"	3	" M. F. Brown	Johnson's Cyclopaedia	2170	1064	7	00
"	3	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2171	1065	13	08
"	3	" Ellen Gale	Expenses July & Aug.	2172	1072	2	44
"	3	" People's Power Co.	Light Aug.	2173	1068	15	90
"	3	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Supplies	2174	1069	3	25
"	3	" Katharine Gest	Substitute	2175	1066	40	00
"	3	" Rock Island Argus	Subscription	2176	1099	2	95
Oct.	1	" Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary Sept.	2177	1073	70	00
"	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2178	1074	40	00
"	1	" Mrs. Stombs.	" "	2179	1075	15	00
"	1	" Library Bureau	Supplies.	2180	1076	4	50
"	1	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent	2181	1079	58	33
"	1	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2182	1078	9	57
"	1	" People's Power Co.	Light Sept.	2183	1080	18	75
"	1	" W. Don	Supplies	2184	1013	3	85
"	1	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2185	1081	46	20
Nov.	1	" Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary Oct.	2186	1082	70	00
"	1	" Harriet O. Carter.	" "	2187	1083	40	00
"	1	" Mrs. Stombs.	" "	2188	1084	15	00
"	5	" People's Power Co.	Light Oct.	2189	1090	25	25
"	5	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2190	1088	28	85
"	5	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2191	1091	3	91
"	5	" E. B. McKown	Wood	2192	1087	1	00
"	5	" Ellen Gale	Expenses Oct.	2193	1092	2	88
		Forward				1324	28

B.

				Library No	City No		
Nov.	5	Brought forward				1324	28
"	5	To Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Oct.	2194	1086	57	33
"	5	„ David Moore	Books	2195	1085	22	00
"	9	„ C.W. Foss.	Books	2196	1089	112	00
Dec.	1	„ Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary Nov.	2197	1093	70	00
"	1	„ H.O. Carter. Asst.	" "	2198	1094	40	00
"	1	„ Mrs. Stombs	" "	2199	1095	15	00
"	3	„ Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Nov.	2200	1096	58	33
"	3	„ M. J. Brown.	Johnson's Cyclopaedia	2201	1102	7	00
"	3	„ G. E. Bailey.	Mops	2202	1116	2	50
"	3	„ Ellen Gale	Expenses	2203	1003		82
"	3	„ People's Power Co.	Light Nov.	2204	1101	27	80
"	3	„ Union Printing Co.	Supplies	2205	1121	12	00
"	3	„ R. Crampton	"	2206	1097	4	90
1896 Jany.	2	„ Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary Dec.	2207	1105	70	00
"	2	„ Harriet O. Carter	" "	2208	1106	40	00
"	2	„ Mrs. Stombs	" "	2209	1107	15	00
Dec.	11	„ Kenyon News Agency.	1896 Peridicals	2210	1100	173	35
"	11	„ A.C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2211	1104	27	50
Jany.	6	„ People's Power Co.	Light Dec.	2212	1114	26	05
"	6	„ R. I. Ice Co.	Ice 1895	2213	1120	21	00
"	6	„ Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2214	1112	95	90
"	6	„ Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Dec.	2215	1111	58	33
"	6	„ R. I. Lumber & Mfg Co.	Book stack	2216	1152	13	50
"	6	„ Walter S. Houghton.	Books	2217	1108	13	50
"	6	„ Ellen Gale	Expenses Dec.	2218	1109	3	63
"	6	„ A.C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2219	1110	102	31
Feby.	1	„ Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary Jan	2220	1117	70	00
"	1	„ Harriet O. Carter.	" "	2221	1118	40	00
"	1	„ Mrs. Stombs.	" "	2222	1119	15	00
"	1	„ Kenyon News Agency.	Periodical	2223	1115	1	15
		Forward				2540	18

B.

				Library No	City No		
1896		Brought forward				2540	18
Febry.	5	To Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Jany	2224	1122	57	33
"	5	" E.B. McKown	Wood	2225	1125	1	00
"	5	" Houghton Miflin & Co.	Books	2226	1124	42	00
Mch.	2	" Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary Febry.	2227	1126	70	00
"	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2228	1127	40	00
"	2	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2229	1128	15	00
Febry.	6	" Frank Lasher	Book	2230	1123	5	70
Mch.	3	" J.M. Buford	Insurance	2231	1129	10	50
"	3	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2232	1130	10	00
"	3	" R.R. Bowker.	Am. Catalogue	2233	1131	10	00
"	3	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2234	1135	5	95
"	3	" Mitchell & Lynde.	Rent Febry.	2235	1133	58	33
"	3	" J.W. Stewart.	Floor brush	2236	1151	2	75
"	3	" Ellen Gale	Expenses Febry.	2237	1132	1	40
"	3	" People's Power Co.	Light Jany & Febry.	2238	1134	48	15
"	3	" Union Printing Co.	Supplies.	2239		1	75
Apl.	1	" Ellen Gale. Ln.	Salary Mch.	2240	1136	70	00
"	1	" Harriet Carter.	" "	2241	1137	40	00
"	1	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2242	1138	15	00
"	7	" People's Power Co.	Light Mch.	2243	1146	22	50
"	7	" Mitchel & Lynde	Rent Mch.	2244	1140	58	33
"	7	" R. Haverstick	Insurance	2245	1141	10	50
"	7	" Hayes & Cleaveland	Insurance	2246	1139	26	25
"	7	" William Don	Supplies.	2247	1142	4	60
"	7	" Library Bureau	"	2248	1143	4	65
"	7	" R.R. Bowker	Book	2249	1144	3	50
"	7	" D. Don	Supplies	2250	1159	3	80
"	7	" Clemann & Salzmann	Chair	2251	1160	5	10
"	7	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2252	1147	32	20
"	7	" A.C. McClurg & Co.	Books.	2253	1145	79	89
		Forward				3296	36

B.

				Library No	City No		
	1896	Brought forward				3296	36
Apl.	7	To Ellen Gale	Expences Mch	2254	1148	1	55
May	1	" Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary Apl.	2255	1149	70	00
"	1	" Harriet Carter	" "	2256	1150	40	00
"	1	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2257	1153	15	00
"	5	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Apl.	2258	1155	58	33
"	5	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2259	1158	24	65
"	5	" R. Crampton & Co.	Supplies	2260	1154	2	10
"	5	" Huesing & Hoeft	Insurance	2261	1161	5	25
"	5	" People's Power Co.	Light Apl.	2262	1156	18	55
"	5	" Ellen Gale	Refunded	2263	1157	8	33
"	29	" Ellen Gale Ln.	Salary May	2264	1162	70	00
"	29	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2265	1163	40	00
"	29	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2266	1164	15	00
"	29	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books.	2267	1165	63	92
						3729	04

Correct Attest

Louis Kohn
C. W. Durham
C. J. Larkin.

C.

Annual Statement. Period June 1st 1895 to June 1st 1896

Rock Island Public Library.

Submitted by C. R. Chamberlin. City Treasurer.

					Forward	$1711.19			Forward	$3627.12
To paid orders	#1025	$15.75		#1098	$4.60			#1163	40.00	
	1034	1.50		1099	2.95			1164	15.00	
	1035	68.25		1100	173.35			1165	6392	118.92
	1036	60.00		1101	27.80					
	1037	40.00		1102	7.00					374604
	1038	15.00		1104	27.50	June 1		To balance		25942
	1039	14.70		1103	.82					
	1040	2.75		1105	70.00					
	1041	25.00	242.95	1106	40.00	354.02				400546
	1042	3.10		1107	15.00					
	1043	5.20		1108	13.50					
	1044	58.33		1109	3.63					
	1045	5.40		1110	102.31					
	1046	18.00		1111	58.33					
	1047	16.75		1112	95.90					
	1048	60.00		1113	3.85					
	1049	40.00		1114	26.05					
	1050	15.00		1115	1.15					
	1051	1.50	223.28	1116	2.50	322.22				
	1052	2.25		1117	70.00					
	1053	5.25		1118	40.00					
	1054	58.33		1119	15.00					
	1055	2.00		1120	21.00					
	1056	33.13		1121	12.00					
	1057	20.80		1122	57.33					
	1058	12.10		1123	5.70					
	1059	6.00		1124	42.00					
	1060	60.00		1125	1.00					
	1061	40.00	239.86	1126	70.00	334.03				
	1062	15.00		1128	15.00					
	1063	5.00		1129	10.50					
	1064	7.00		1130	10.00					
	1065	13.08		1131	10.00					
	1066	40.00		1133	58.33					
	1067	58.33		1134	48.15					
	1068	15.90		1135	5.95					
	1069	3.25		1127	40.00					
	1070	3.50		1136	70.00					
	1071	11.00	172.06	1137	40.00	307.93				
	1072	2.44		1138	15.00					
	1073	70.00		1139	26.25					
	1074	40.00		1140	58.33					
	1075	15.00		1141	10.50					
	1076	4.50		1142	4.60					
	1077	1.80		1143	4.65					
	1078	9.57		1144	3.50					
	1079	58.33		1145	79.89					
	1080	18.75		1146	22.50					
	1081	46.20	266.59	1147	32.20	25742				
	1082	70.00		1132	1.40					
	1083	40.00		1148	1.55					
	1084	15.00		1149	70.00					
	1085	22.00		1150	40.00					
	1086	57.33		1151	2.75					
	1087	1.00		1152	13.50					
	1088	28.85		1153	15.00					
	1089	112.00		1154	2.10					
	1090	25.25		1155	58.33					
	1091	3.91	375.34	1156	18.55	223.18				
	1092	2.88		1157	8.33					
	1093	70.00		1158	24.65					
	1094	40.00		1159	3.80					
	1095	15.00		1160	5.10					
	1096	58.33		1161	5.25					
	1097	4.90	191.11	1162	70.00	117.13				

C.

1895				
June	1	By Balance	162	24
Aug.	28	" Transferred from Genl. Fund	3768	28
Sept.	3	" Miss Gale	16	11
Dec.	2	" Do	13	11
1896				
Jany	7	" Do	10	32
Feby	4	" Do	8	11
Apl	6	" Do	12	78
May	7	" Do	7	66
"	29	" Do	6	85
			4005	46
June	1	By Balance	259	42

Correct attest

Louis Kohn
C. W. Durham.

D.

Statement of fines etc received by Ellen Gale. Lbn. and deposited with City Treasurer during the year ending June 1. 1896.

June 1895	Fines etc.	6 48	
July "	"	4 45	
Aug. "	"	5 18	
Sept. "	"	6 34	
Oct. "	"	6 77	
Nov. "	"	4 01	
Dec. "	"	6 31	
Jany 1896	"	8 11	
Feby. "	"	6 23	
Mch. "	"	6 55	
Apl. "	"	7 66	
May "	"	6 85	
1895 Sept. 3	Deposited with City Treasurer		16 11
Dec. 2	"		13 11
1896 Jany 7	"		10 32
Feby 4	"		8 11
Apl. 6	"		12 78
May 7	"		7 66
" 29	"		6 85
		74 94	74 94

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C. J. Larkin.

E.

Report of the Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1896.

Total receipts per schedule A	4005	46		
Order issued by the Library Board but not yet presented for payment #2239	1	75		
Total expenditures per schedule B			3729	04
Orders issued last year but not presented for payment until this year #$\overset{1034}{2107}$ \$1.50. #$\overset{1051}{2126}$ \$1.50. #$\overset{1025}{2128}$ \$15.75.			18	75
Balance June 1. 1896.			259	42
	4007	21	4007	21

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F.

Number of volumes in Library June 1. 1895.	12129
Number added by purchace	538
Number received by gift	37
Number worn out and withdrawn	151
Number lost	8
Number of volumes in Library June 1. 1896	12546

Circulation.

Number of volumes issued during the year	33047
Average monthly use	2754
Number of days the Library has been open during the year	308

	Religion + Philosophy.	Social Science.	Science + Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	General Literature.	Poetry.	Fiction.	Juvenile Literature.	History + Travel.	Total
June 1895	12	14	44		124	24	1156	546	106	2026
July "	20	21	31	2	122	22	1223	610	164	2215
August "	28	18	20		122	34	1342	658	180	2402
September "	7	35	30	6	140	28	1066	429	228	1969
October "	18	28	33	10	214	14	1242	563	264	2386
November "	28	22	35	13	160	70	1486	782	304	2900
December "	17	16	36	8	130	57	1562	782	405	3013
January 1896	26	16	46	10	175	46	1780	832	551	3482
February "	29	27	51	15	188	80	1971	1039	602	4002
March "	27	23	49	6	199	80	1825	948	545	3702
April "	21	18	36	10	200	74	1410	784	244	2797
May "	20	19	34	11	156	50	1170	526	167	2153
	253	257	445	91	1930	579	17233	8499	3760	33047

H.

Percent of circulation.

Philosophy & Religion	77
Social science	78
Science and Useful arts	1.35
Fine arts	27
General literature	5.84
Poetry	1.75
Fiction	52.15
Juvenile literature	25.71
History & travel	11.38
	100 00

I.

List of Periodicals received at the Rock Island Public Library 1896.

Atlantic Monthly.
Book Buyer.
Forum.
Century Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Monthly.
Cosmopolitan.
Littell's Living Age.
Popular Science Monthly.
North American Review.
St. Nicholas.
New England Magazine.
Munsey's Magazine.
Arena.
Romance.
Midland Monthly.
Life.
Review of Reviews.
Political Science Quarterly.
Library Journal.
McClure's Magazine.
Lippincott's Magazine.
Nation.
American Machinist.
Leslie's Illustrated News.
Harper's Weekly.
Harper's Bazar.
Scientific American.
" Supp.
" Builder's ed.
Puck.
Judge.
Critic.
Literary World.
Dial.

I.

Youth's Companion.
New York Tribune. S Weekly.
National Labor Tribune.
Irish World.
British American Citizen.
Publisher's Weekly.
American Architect.
Current Literature.
Ladies's Home Journal.
Chicago Tribune.
Chicago Times-Herald.
Chicago Inter-Ocean.
Chicago Chronicle.
St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Davenport Democrat.
Rock Island Daily Union.
Rock Island Argus.
Rock Islander.
Our Populist.

J.

Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and time when their terms of office will expire.

Walter Johnson	July 1896
J. W. Welch	" "
C. C. Carter	" "
C. S. Walker	July 1897
C. W. Foss.	" "
C. W. Durham	" "
C. J. Larkin	July 1898
J. H. Kerr	" "
S. Kohn.	" "

Rock Island. Illinois. August 4.1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion Walter Johnson was elected President pro tem, and J.W. Welch Secretary pro tem

The committee on safe reported having purchased the safe ordered at last meeting.

The Finance committee presented the following bills which were approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	10.65
C. Fiebig	22.00
Library Bureau	9.00
R. Crampton	1.85
C.W. Slawson Pub. Co.	7.50
	109.53

The Librarian's report for month ending July 31.1896 was read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	20
Social science	40
Science & useful arts	22
Fine arts	11
General literature	137
Poetry	25
Fiction	1274
Juvenile literature	530
History & travel	117
Total	2.176

Received from fines $6.07

On motion proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of C.L. Walker for President and J.W. Welch for Secretary

The President appointed the following committees

Books _ Welch. Johnson. Foss.

Finance _ Kohn. Larkin. Mixter

Periodicals – Johnson, Durham, Kerr.
Rooms – Larkin Kerr Kohn.
Rules – Foss, Welch, Mixter.

On motion the Librarian and Assistant were granted the usual 2 weeks vacation each to be taken at their convenience, and authorized to employ Miss Gest as substitute during the time.

On motion adjourned

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

Rock Island Illinois. September 1. 1896.

Regular meeting of Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion C.W. Foss was elected President pro tem. The minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance committee presented the following bills which were approved allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
Eddy & Stroehle	10.00
Library Bureau	2.00
Kramer & Bleuer	5.50
People's Power Co.	14.15
Katharine Gest	20.00
	$109.98

The Librarian's report for month ending Aug. 31. 1896 was read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy and religion	10
Social science	25
Science and useful arts	15
Fine arts	11
General literature	187
Poetry	19
Fiction	1439
Juvenile literature	657
History & travel	151
Total	2514

Received from fines $3.94

The Book committee was authorized to purchase Longstreet's From Manassas to Appomattox of F. Lasher for Four dollars less 20%.

On motion adjourned.

J.W. Welch
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. October 6. 1896.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion W. Johnson was elected president pro tem. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee reported the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

People's Power Co.	21,80
Hess Bros.	175
E. B. McKown.	275
Mitchell & Lynde.	55,58
McCabe Bros.	1.00
Kramer & Bleuer.	2,00
Expenses.	1 50
	$8638

The Librarian's report for month ending September 30th, 1896 was read and on motion, placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy and religion.	22
Social science.	21
Science and Useful arts	45
Fine arts	10
General literature	164
Poetry	25
Fiction	1323
Juvenile literature	492
History and travel	149
Total	2251

Received from fines $7.26

On motion the Secretary was authorized to secure the option on additional room for Library purposes from Mitchell & Lynde

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, November 3, 1896

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

On motion J. H Kerr was elected president pro tem. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Finance committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 58.33
A. C. McClurg & Co	213.29
Kramer Bleuer & Co	96.60
People's Power Co.	21.15
	389.37

The librarian's report for month ending October 31st, 1896, was read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	40
Social science	32
Science & useful arts	49
Fine arts	14
General literature	236
Poetry	63
Fiction	1393
Juvenile literature	623
History & travel	291
Total	2741

Received from fines $3.26

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.

December 1. 1896.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	$58.33
R. I. Argus.	6.20
Union Printing Co.	2.75
Periodicals 1897.	175.00
People's Power Co	25.20
R. Crampton & Co.	2.24
	$269.72

The Librarian's report for the month ending November 30th. was read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	43
Social science	24
Science & Useful arts	96
Fine arts	4
General literature	209
Poetry	72
Fiction	1466
Juvenile literature	740
History & travel	386
Total	3020

Received from fines $7.00

The Committee on Periodicals presented list of periodicals for the coming year amounting to $175.00 which was approved, and an order directed drawn in payment of the same.

The Librarian reported loss of book drawn by Mrs. G. P. Frysinger, and refusal to pay for the same, and fines accrued, at request of Librarian. On motion the action of the Librarian was approved and she was requested to notify Mrs. Frysinger that the book must be replaced and fine settled within one month from date, and if so settled the fine be reduced to fifty cents added to cost of the book, one dollar and twenty five cents.

On motion adjourned.
J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois January 5th 1897.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read. approved. allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	53.08
E. B. Mc Koun	5.25
R. I. Ice Co.	21.00
Library Bureau	11.05
R. I. Lumber & Manfg. Co.	85
Expenses Dec.	2.55
Peoples Power Co.	26.00
Atlantic Monthly	3.35
	123,13

On motion of W. Johnson an order was directed drawn for payment of an additional copy of the Atlantic Monthly.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Dr. S. C. Plummer for securing the donation of a complete set of the Reports of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and also to the society for the same. The Finance Committee recommended that the bill of E. B. McKoun for wood be presented to Mitchell & Lynde for payment, which on motion was adopted.

The Librarian's report for the month ending December 31st was read, and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	35
Social science	20
Science & Useful arts	51
Fine arts	9
General literature	228
Poetry	72
Fiction	1638

(over)

Juvenile literature	745
History & travel	316
Total	3,115

Received from fines etc. $5.10

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. February 2. 1897

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read approved allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 58.33
Peoples Power Co.	25.00
C. Fiebig	2.25
Library Bureau	14.25
Kramer Bleuer & Co	4.35
McCabe	1.00
Rock Islander.	4.00
McClurg & Co	12.67
Expenses	2.36
O. A. Blood	2.50
McClurg & Co	147.13
	273.84

The Librarians report for month ending Jany. 31st, was read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	41
Social science	41
Science & Useful arts	40
Fine arts	16
General literature	271
Poetry	91
Fiction	1821
Juvenile literature	835
History & travel	444
Total	3,600

Received from fines $7.01

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Sec.

Rock Island, Illinois. February 20. 1897
Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library
The matter of purchasing the "University of Literature" was discussed, but owing to the absence of a majority of the Board adjourned to Monday evening Feby. 22d.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. February, 22d 1897
Adjourned special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library
On motion Mr Johnson was elected President pro. tem. On motion a set of twenty volumes of "University of Literature" in half Russia binding was ordered purchased, and the Secretary was authorized to make a contract for the same at price of Thirty Two & 50/100 Dollars ($32.50) for the set. On motion adjourned

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. March 2d. 1897
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
R. Crampton	2.60
John Mosez	8.00
J. S. Barcus.	32.50
People's Power Co.	20.70
	122.13

The bill of People's Power Co. for gas was referred back to Committee for investigation. The matter of loss of book and accumulation of fine against Miss Kindall was discussed and on motion the Librarian was authorized to settle the same with Miss Kindall by payment of cost of book and Twenty five cents fine - total Fifty cents.
The Librarian's report for the month ending Feby. 28. was read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	32
Social science	34
Science & useful arts	37
Fine arts	18
General literature	273
Poetry	90
Fiction	1874
Juvenile literature	980
History & travel	438
Total	3,776

Received from fines $15.00
On motion adjourned. J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. April 6. 1897

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The following bills were presented, read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	21.96
Publisher's Weekly	3.64
A. C. Mc Clurg & Co.	24.03
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	96.75
Library Bureau	2.00
G. H. Kingsbury	1.85
R. Haverstick	10.50
J. M. Buford	10.50
Hayes & Cleaveland.	10.50
" "	15.75
	$258.81

Librarian's report for month ending March 31. 1897 read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & Religion	47
Social Science	49
Science & Useful arts	57
Fine arts	24
General literature	271
Poetry	89
Fiction	2086
Juvenile literature	1.261
History & travel	379
Total.	4.263

Received from fines $5.70

On motion the Book Committee was authorized to purchase vol 1-16 of the Atlantic monthly to complete the set for $12.00 On motion the Librarian was given time to attend the State Library Association meeting at Peoria in May if she desires. On motion the Secretary was empowered to make arrangements for ice for the coming year. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, May 4. 1897
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read approved allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell + Lynde	58.33
A. C. McClurg	8.57
Hoeft + Detjens	5.25
People's Power Co.	16.55
Educational Publishing Co	9.40
	98.10

The Librarian's report for the month ending April 30th, 1897. read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy + religion	31
Social science	32
Science + Useful arts	33
Fine arts	22
General literature	215
Poetry	77
History + travel	221
Fiction	1772
Juvenile literature	937
Total	3,340

Received from fines. $7.55
On motion the Librarian President and Secretary were requested to represent the Library at the meeting of the Illinois State Library Association to be held at Peoria May 13th.
On motion the Librarian was authorized to subscribe for the last two volumes of Lord's "Beacon Lights of History" to complete the set.
The Secretary was authorized to procure a suitable Delivery desk.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island Illinois. June 1. 1897

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
A. C. McClurg	120.13
Union Printing Co	2.00
H. L. Schill	10.50
Boston Book Co.	12.00
R. Crampton	.95
Hayes & Cleaveland	5.25
Dial	2.00
McCabe	1.20
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	16.10
Expenses Apl & May	4.94
E Gale Expenses to Peoria	7.50
Miss Gest	3.00
J W Welch	5.60

On motion the expenses of the Librarian and Secretary to the meeting of the State Library Association at Peoria were allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of the same, and also the salary of Miss Gest for acting as assistant at that time

The Librarian's report for the month ending May 31. read and on motion placed on file.

	Circulation
Philosophy & religion	23
Social science	30
Science & Useful arts	29
Fine arts	5
Poetry	61
General literature	182
Fiction	1451
Juvenile literature	692
History	161
Total	2,634

Received from fines $16.52

On motion the President and Secretary were instructed to prepare the annual report to the City Council according to the law.

On motion adjourned

J. W. Welch, Sec.

Rock Island, Illinois. July 6. 1897

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$58.33
Variety Wood Works.	25.00
People's Power Co.	24.75
Hill & Shuman	4.00
Davenport Democrat	5.00
G. L. Quist	5.25
Kramer Bluer & Co.	10.25
R. Crampton	85
J. T. McConnell.	2.50
	$135.93

The Librarian's report for the month ending June 30. read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & Religion	21
Social science	9
Science & Useful arts	26
Fine arts	8
General literature	137
Poetry	30
Fiction	1430
Juvenile literature	640
History & travel	133
Total.	2434

Received from fines $8.92

The Annual report of the Library Board to the City council was presented, read and on motion was adopted, and the President and Secretary authorized to sign and present to the City Council. Judge Gest having presented about one hundred and fifty volumes of

Public Documents to the Library a vote of thanks was unanimously adopted as follows. Resolved That the thanks of this Board of Directors of the Rock-Island Public Library are hereby tendered to the Hon. William H. Gest, formerly Representative in Congress, and now Judge in the Circuit Court, for the gift of 125 volumes of public records and documents supplementing and augmenting the valuable reference section of this Library.

The Secretary reported that the room adjoining on the west side of the hall, can be had for an additional rent of One hundred and forty dollars a year. After discussion, On motion the report was laid over for the present.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

The new Board was called to order, and on motion W. Johnson was elected Chairman pro. tem. On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in C. W. Walker's being elected President and J. W. Welch, Secretary

On motion the Secretary was empowered to procure an electric fan for Librarian's desk. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor
and city council of the city of Rock Island. Ills

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1st 1897 as per appended Exhibits. and with these we are pleased to report that the increased interest of our citizens mentioned in our last report has continued as shown in circulation as per Exhibit F. being an increase of nearly three thousand volumes over our last report. The accession of volumes has been four hundred and fifty five, being regulated by amount of money available for their purchase as we have adhered to the policy of keeping our expenditures within the limit of our resources. and the year closes with all our obligations met and a small balance in hands of Treasurer.
Our Room is well furnished but beginning to be crowded and the great need of the Library is a building of its own which we hope may be provided in the near future.

Recapitulation of Reports
Exhibit A shows Receipts
" B " Expenditures
" C " Report of Treasurer
" D " Receipts of Librarian
" E " Condensed report of Finances
" F " Accessions and circulation
" G " Classified circulation.
" H " Per cent of circulation
" I " List of Periodicals
" J " Names of Directors and expiration of term of office.

Respectfully submitted

John W. Welch Chas. L. Walker
Secy. Prest.

State of Illinois }
Rock Island County }

John W. Welch being first duly sworn says he is the Secretary above named and that the above and foregoing report is true and correct in all respects to the best of his knowledge and belief

John W. Welch

Submitted and sworn to before me this 16 day of July A D 1897.

John J. Ingram
Notary Public,

a.

Statement of the receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1897.

June 1896	1	By Balance	259	42
July	1	" Miss Gale Fines etc	6	96
Aug.	29	" "	9	35
Nov	5	" "	10	47
Jany 1897	4	" "	12	10
Apl	6	" "	17	71
"	17	Transferred from General Fund	3707	92
May	4	" " "	7	55
			4031	48

Correct

Louis Kohn Chairman Finance com

B.

Statement of expenses of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1.1897.

				Library No	City No	
June 1896	2	To Mitchell + Lynde	Rent	2268	1167	58 33
	2	„ Davenport Democrat	Sub.	2269	1171	5 00
	2	„ Dial	„	2270	1172	2 00
	2	„ Kramer Bleuer + Co.	Binding	2271	1175	95 45
	2	„ Union Printing Co.	Stationery	2272	1169	4 00
	2	„ H.L. Schill.	Insurance	2273	1170	10 50
	2	„ Hayes + Cleaveland.	„	2274	1179	5 25
	2	„ Huesing + Hoeft	„	2275	1178	5 75
	2	„ Peoples Power Co.	Light	2276	1166	14 20
	2	„ D. Appleton.	Book	2277	1174	6 00
	2	„ E. Gale	Expences May	2278	1173	1 33
July	1	„ Ellen Gale	Salary June	2279	1176	70 00
	1	„ Harriet O. Carter	„ „	2280	1177	40 00
	7	„ Mitchell + Lynde	Rent June	2281	1181	58 33
	7	„ C.H. Young	Awnings	2282	1185	12 30
	7	„ People's Power Co.	Light June	2283	1184	10 60
	7	„ Eddy + Stroehle	Sub. to newspapers.	2284	1204	13 00
	7	„ Union Printing Co.	Sub. + printing	2285	1183	8 20
	7	„ G.L. Quist.	Insurance	2286	1186	5 25
	7	„ Francis Lasher	Book	2287	1180	5 00
	7	„ Mrs. Stombs	Salary June	2288	1182	15 00
August	4	„ Ellen Gale	Salary July	2289	1187	70 00
	4	„ Harriet O. Carter	„ „	2290	1188	40 00
	4	„ Mrs. Stombs	„ „	2291	1192	15 00
	4	„ Mitchell + Lynde	Rent July	2292	1191	58 33
	4	„ People's Power Co.	Light „	2293	1193	10 65
	4	„ C. Fiebig	Safe	2294	1194	22 00
	4	„ Library Bureau	Supplies	2295	1189	9 00
	4	„ R. Crampton	Supplies	2296	1198	1 85
	4	„ C.W. Slauson	Book	2297	1190	7 50
	28	„ Ellen Gale	Salary Aug.	2298	1195	70 00
						749 82

B.

				Library No	City No		
1896		Brought forward				749	82
Sept	1	To Harriet O. Carter	Salary Aug	2299	1196	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2300	1197	15	00
	1	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Aug.	2301	1206	58	33
	1	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Supplies	2302	1203	5	50
	1	" People's Power Co.	Light Aug.	2303	1202	14	15
	1	" Eddy & Stroehle	Newspapers	2304	1205	10	00
	1	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2305	1199	2	00
	1	" Katharine Gest	Salary as Sub.	2306	1200	20	00
	4	" F. Lasher	Book	2307	1201	3	20
Oct.	2	" Ellen Gale	Salary Sept.	2308	1207	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2309	1208	40	00
	2	" Mrs. Stombs	" "	2310	1209	15	00
		" Katharine Gest	" "	2311	1210	30	00
	6	" People's Power Co.	Light Sept.	2312	1215	21	80
	6	" Hess Brothers	Mops	2313	1224	1	75
	6	" E. B. McKown	Wood	2314	1211	2	75
	6	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Sept.	2315	1212	55	58
	6	" McCabe Brothers	Supplies	2316	1231	1	00
	6	" Kramer Bleuer & Co	"	2317	1214	2	00
	6	" Ellen Gale	Expenses Oct.	2318	1216	1	50
Nov.	4	" Ellen Gale	Salary Oct.	2319	1217	70	00
	4	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2320	1218	40	00
		" A. C. McClurg & Co	Books	2321	1213	193	21
	4	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff.	Salary	2322	1219	15	00
	3	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Oct.	2323	1222	58	33
	3	" A. C. McClurg & Co	Books	2324	1220	20	08
	3	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2325	1221	96	60
	3	" People's Power Co.	Light	2326	1223	21	15
Dec.	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Nov.	2327	1225	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2328	1226	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff		2329	1227	15	00
	1	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Nov.	2330	1229	58	33
	1	" R. I. Argus	Sub. to Nov. 1. 1896	2331	1242	6	20
	1	" Union Printing Co.	Printing	2332	1243	2	75
	1	" People's Power Co.	Light Nov.	2333	1228	25	20
						1891	23

B.

				Library No.	City No.		
	1896	Brought forward				1891	23
Dec.	1	To R. Crampton & Co.	Supplies	2334	1241	2	24
	5	" Kenyon News & Sub. Co.	Periodicals	2335	1230	175	00
Jany.	1897 2	" Ellen Gale	Salary Dec.	2336	1232	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2337	1233	40	00
	2	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff	" "	2338	1234	15	00
	5	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Dec.	2339	1244	53	08
	5	" E. B. Mc Kown	Wood	2340	1246	5	25
	5	" R. I. Ice Co.	Ice 1896	2341	1239	21	00
	5	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2342	1235	11	05
	5	" R. I. Lumber & Manfg Co.	Bulletin bd	2343	1253		85
	5	" Ellen Gale	Expenses Dec.	2344	1236	2	55
	5	" People's Power Co.	Light Dec.	2345	1238	26	00
	5	" Kenyon News & Sub. Co.	Atlantic	2346	1237	3	35
Feby.	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Jany.	2347	1247	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2348	1248	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff	" "	2349	1249	15	00
Jany.	18	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2350	1245	147	13
	18	" A. O. Blood	Book	2351	1240	2	50
Feby.	2	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Jany	2352	1257	58	33
	2	" People's Power Co.	Light Jany	2353	1255	25	00
	2	" C. Fiebig.	Lock & spring.	2354	1256	2	25
	2	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2355	1250	14	25
	2	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2356	1258	4	35
	2	" Mc Cabe Brothers	Supplies	2357	1271	1	00
	2	" Rock Islander	Subscription	2358	1254	4	00
	4	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2359	1251	12	67
	2	" Ellen Gale	Expenses Jany	2360	1252	2	36
Mch.	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Feby.	2361	1259	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2362	1260	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff.	" "	2363	1261	15	00
	2	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent. Feby	2364	1262	58	33
	2	" R. Campton & Co.	Supplies.	2365	1264	2	60
	2	" J. Moses	Books	2367	1265	8	00
	2	" J. S. Barcus & Co.	Books	2368	1266	32	50
	2	" People's Power Co.	Light Feb.	2369	1263	20	70
						2962	57

B.

				Library No	City No		
1897		Brought forward				2962	57
April	1	To Ellen Gale.	Salary Mch.	2369	1267	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2370	1268	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff	" "	2371	1269	15	00
	6	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Mch.	2372	1278	58	33
	6	" People's Power Co.	Light "	2373	1277	21	96
	6	" R. R. Bowker	Book.	2374	1274	3	64
	6	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2375	1275	24	03
	6	" Kramer Bleuer & Co	Binding	2376	1273	96	75
	6	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2377	1276	2	00
	6	" G. H. Kingsbury	"	2378		1	85
	6	" Ralph Haverstick	Insurance	2379	1270	10	50
	6	" J. M. Buford	"	2380	1272	10	50
	6	" Hayes & Cleaveland	"	2381	1282	26	25
May	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Apl	2382	1279	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2383	1280	40	00
	1	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff.	" "	2384	1281	15	00
	4	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent "	2385	1285	58	33
	4	" A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2386	1283	8	57
	4	" People's Power Co.	Light Apl.	2387	1286	16	55
	4	" Hoeft & Detjens	Insurance	2388	1291	5	25
	4	" Educational Publishing Co.	Books	2389	1284	9	40
	31	" Ellen Gale	Salary May	2390	1288	70	00
	31	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2391	1289	40	00
	31	" Mrs. Augusta Kolloff	" "	2392	1290	15	00
		A. C. McClurg & Co	Books	2393	1287	120	13
						3811	61

Correct
Louis Kohn. Chairman Finance Com.

C.

Report of City Treasurer to Library Board for year ending June 1. 1897.

1896						Dr.	
June	30	Paid order	1166	14	20		
			67	58	33		
			68	1	75		
			69	4	00		
			1170	10	50		
			71	5	00		
			72	2	00		
			74	6	00		
			75	95	45	197	23
			1176	70	00		
			77	40	00		
			78	5	75		
			79	5	25		
			1180	5	00		
			81	58	33		
			82	15	00		
			83	8	20		
			84	10	60	218	13
July	31		1173	1	33		
			1185	12	30		
			86	5	25		
			87	70	00		
			88	40	00		
			89	9	00		
			1190	7	50		
			91	58	33		
			92	15	00		
			93	10	65		
			95	70	00	299	36
Sept.	30		1194	22	00		
			96	40	00		
			97	15	00		
			98	1	85		
			99	2	00		
			1200	20	00		
			01	3	20		
			02	14	15		
			03	5	50		
			06	58	33	182	03
Oct.	31		1204	13	00		
			05	10	00		
			07	70	00		
			08	40	00		
			09	15	00		
			1210	30	00		
			11	2	75		
			12	55	58		
			13	193	21		
			14	2	00	431	54
Nov.	30		1215	21	80		
			16	1	50		
			17	70	00		
			18	40	00		
			19	15	00		
			1220	20	08		
			21	96	60		
			22	58	83		
			23	21	15	344	46
Nov.	30		24	1	75		
			25	70	00		
			26	40	00		
			27	15	00		
			28	25	20		
			29	58	33		
			1230	175	00		
1897			31	1	00	386	28
Jany	31		1232	70	00		
			33	40	00		
			34	15	00		
			35	11	05		
			37	3	35		

C.

1897					Dr
Jany.	31	Paid order	1238	26 00	
			39	21 00	
			1240	2 50	
			41	2 24	
			42	6 20	
			43	2 75	
			44	53 08	
			45	147 13	
			46	5 25	405 55
Jany.	31		1247	70 00	
			48	40 00	
			49	15 00	
			1250	14 25	
			51	12 67	
			53	85	
			54	4 00	
			55	25 00	
			56	2 25	
			57	58 33	
			58	4 35	246 70
Febry.	27		1259	70 00	
			60	40 00	
			61	15 00	
			62	58 33	
			63	20 70	
			64	2 60	
			65	8 00	
			66	32 50	247 13
Mch.	31		1236	2 55	
			1252	2 36	
			1267	70 00	
			68	40 00	
			69	15 00	
			1270	10 50	
			71	1 00	
			72	10 50	
			73	96 75	
			74	3 64	
			75	24 03	
			76	2 00	278 33
			1277	21 96	
April	17		78	58 33	80 29
			1279	70 00	
May	31		80	40 00	
			81	15 00	
			82	26 25	
			83	8 57	
			84	9 40	
			85	58 33	
			86	16 55	
			87	120 13	364 23
June	1	Balance			350 22
					4 031 48

C.

1896			Cr.	
June	1	By Balance	259	42
July	1	" Miss Gale	6	96
Aug.	29	" " "	9	35
Nov.	5	" " "	10	47
1897 Jany.	4	" " "	12	10
Apl.	6	" " "	17	71
	17	" Transfer from Gen. Fund	3 707	92
May	4	" Miss Gale.	7	55
			4031	48

H. B. Simmon
City Treasurer

Correct
Louis Kohn. Chairman Finance Com.

D.

Statement of Fines etc. received by Ellen Gale, Librarian, and deposited with City Treasurer during the year ending June 1. 1897.

1896				
June	"	Fines	6 96	
July	"	"	6 07	
Aug.	"	"	3 28	
Sept.	"	"	7 26	
Oct.	"	"	3 21	
Nov.	"	"	7 00	
Dec.	"	"	5 10	
Jany. 1897		"	7 01	
Feby.	"	"	5 00	
Mch.	"	"	5 70	
Apl.	"	"	7 55	
May.	"	"	6 52	
		Deposited with City Treasurer		
July	1	"		6 96
Aug.	29	"		9 35
Nov.	5	"		10 47
Jany.	4	"		12 10
Apl.	6	"		17 71
May.	4	"		7 55
June	1	"		6 52
			70 66	70 66

Correct

Louis Kohn, Chairman Finance Com.

E.

Report of Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1897.

Total receipts per schedule A.	4031	48		
Orders issued by the Library Board but not yet presented for payment #2378 $1.85. #2388 $5.25 #2390^{1288} $70.00 #2391^{1289} $40.00 #2392^{1290} $15.00	132	10		
Total expenditures per schedule B.			3811	61
Order issued by Library Board but not presented for payment until this year #2239			1	75
Balance June 1. 1897.			350	22
	4163	58	4163	58

Correct

Louis Kohn. Chairman Finance Com.

F.

Accessions.

Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1896.	12 546
Number added by purchase	651
Number received by gift	30
Number worn out and withdrawn	220
Number lost and paid for	3
Number lost	3
Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1897.	13 001

Circulation

Number of volumes issued during the year	357 91
Average monthly use	29 82
Number of days the Library has been open during the year	309

G.

	Religion & Philosophy.	Social Science	Sciences & Useful Arts	Fine Arts	General Literature	Poetry	Fiction	Juvenile Literature	History & travel.	Total.
June 1896	13	23	23	10	151	21	1336	658	126	2361
July "	20	40	22	11	137	25	1274	530	117	2176
August "	10	25	15	11	187	19	1439	657	151	2514
September "	22	21	45	10	164	25	1323	492	149	2251
October "	40	32	49	14	236	63	1393	623	291	2741
November "	43	24	96	4	209	72	1466	740	366	3020
December "	35	26	51	9	228	72	1633	745	316	3115
January 1897	41	41	40	16	271	91	1821	835	444	3600
February "	32	34	37	18	273	90	1874	980	438	3776
March "	47	49	57	24	271	89	2086	1261	379	4263
April "	31	32	33	22	215	77	1772	937	221	3340
May "	23	30	29	5	182	61	1451	692	161	2634
	357	377	497	154	2524	705	18868	9150	3159	35791

H.

Per-cent of circulation.

Philosophy & religion.	1.00
Social science	1.06
Science & Useful arts	1.39
Fine arts	.43
General literature	7.06
Poetry	1.97
Fiction	52.69
Juvenile literature	25.57
History & travel.	8.83
	100.00

9.

List of periodicals received at the Rock Island Public Library 1897.

Atlantic Monthly
Book Buyer
Forum
Century Magazine
Scribner's Magazine
Harper's Monthly
Cosmopolitan
Littell's Living Age.
Popular Science Monthly
North American Review
St. Nichols
New England Magazine
Munsey's Magazine
Arena
Bookman
Life
Review of Reviews
Political Science Quarterly
Library Journal
Public Libraries
Mc. Clure's Magazine
Lippincott
Nation
American Machinist
Publisher's Weekly
Leslie's Illustrated News
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar
Scientific American + Supp
" " Builder's ed.
Puck
Judge
Critic
Literary World
Dial
Youth's Companion

I.

American Architect
Current Literature
Lady's Home Journal
N. Y. Tribune s.w.
National Labor Tribune
Irish World
British American Citizen
Chicago Tribune
Chicago Times-Herald
Chicago Inter Ocean
Chicago Chronicle
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Davenport Democrat
Rock Island Daily Union
Rock Island Argus
Rock Islander
Rock Island Volks Zeitung.

J.

Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and time when their term of office will expire.

C. L. Walker	July	1897
C. W. Foss	"	"
C. W. Durham	"	"
C. J. Larkin	July	1898
J. H. Kerr	"	"
L. Kohn	"	"
Walter Johnson	July	1899
J. W. Welch	"	"
C. K. Mixter	"	"

Rock Island. August 3. 1897

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion. L. Kohn was elected chairman pro. tem. and C. K. Mixter Secy. pro. tem.

The following bills were presented. read approved and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Library Bureau	13.00
Byou News Depot	20.00
J. W. Stewart	2.20
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	5.28
B. F. Brown	1.07
Rock Island Union	6.20
People's Power Co.	22.65
	127.70

The Librarian's report for the month ending July 31st. was read and on motion placed on file

Philosophy & religion.	21
Social science	10
Science & Useful arts	30
Fine arts	8
General Literature.	156
Poetry	44
Fiction	1511
Juvenile Literature	702
History & travel	136
	2,618

Received from fines $3.58

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Sec.

Rock Island, September 7. 1897.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same,

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
A. C. McClurg	1.12
People's Power Co.	13.30
D. Appleton	6.00
R. Crampton	1.80
Library Bureau	1.00
	81.55

The Librarian's report for the month ending August 31st. read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation,

Religion & Philosophy	10
Social Science	11
Science & Useful arts	22
Fine arts	6
General Literature	173
Poetry	20
Fiction	1447
Juvenile Literature	669
Travel & history	165
	2,523

Received from fines $4.20
The Book Committee presented a list of books needed which were approved, and on motion, the Committee were authorized to purchase the same.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, October. 5th. 1897.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Book Committee reported purchase of books ordered at last meeting. Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
People's Power Co.	17.05
R. I. Argus	4.30
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	118.05
A. C. Mc. Clurg & Co.	155.98
	353.71

The Librarian's report for the month ending Sept. 30th, read, and on motion, placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	24
Social science	12
Science & Useful arts	26
Fine arts	9.
General literature	181
Poetry	36.
Fiction	1455
Juvenile Literature.	577.
History.	200
Total.	2520

Received from fines $4.42.

On motion the "Cumulative Index" was ordered subscribed for.

On motion the salary of Miss Carter was increased to Fifty dollars per month, beginning October 1st. by unanimous vote. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, November 2d. 1897.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion C. J. Larkin was elected president pro. tem. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
R. I. Sash & Door Works,	8.00
Houghton Mifflin & Co.	44.00
W. Don.	1.00
Expenses.	4.19
A. C. Mc. Clurg & Co	59.86
People's Power Co.	20.00
	195.38

Librarian's report for the month ending October 31st read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & Religion	36
Social Science	33
Science & Useful arts	45
Fine arts	8
General Literature	221
Poetry	50
Fiction	1496
Juvenile Literature	698
History & travel	306
	2,893

Recived from fines $4.42

On motion the matter of arranging the Library room to provide more room was referred to the Committee on Rooms with power to act.

On motion adjourned,

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. December 7th. 1897
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion Walter Johnson was elected president pro. tem. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	25.80
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	8.40
Collins Brothers	44.16
H. Detjens	5.25
	141.94

The bill of H. Detjens was referred to the Secretary with power to adjust. The Librarian's report for the month ending November 30th was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation.

Philosophy & religion	41
Social science	34
Science & Useful arts	59
Fine arts.	13
General Literature.	255
Poetry	58
Fiction.	1530
Juvenile Literature	837
History & travel.	344
	3,171

Received from fines etc $15.06
The Librarian was authorized to subscribe for one copy of the Third Supplement of Poole's Index. cloth at Ten dollars. The Committee on Rooms reported on work on re-arranging the Library room, and on motion were authorized to provide a paper

file and have the broken chairs repaired. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Jany. 4. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A communication from the Superintendent of Public Schools suggesting co operation in a system of home reading for the pupils of the schools of our city was received and discussed, and on motion, referred to a Committee composed of C. L. Walker, W. Johnson and L. Kohn, to investigate and report at a subsequent meeting. The Finance Committee presented the following Bills, which were read approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
R. I. Ice Co.	21.00
J. J. Baker.	3.40
People's Power Co.	24.30
H. N. Stone.	5.00
	112.03

The Librarian's report for the month ending Dec. 31. 1897 was read, and on motion placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	30
Social science.	32
Science & Useful arts	45
Fine arts	9
General literature	258
Poetry	53
Fiction.	1,548
Juvenile literature	931
History	360
Total	3266

Received from fines $6.50

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.
Febr. 1. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Mr. C. J. Larkin was elected secretary pro. tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The following bills were read, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Library Bureau	14.45
R. Crampton & Co.	1.05
A. C. McClurg & Co.	110.33
Collin's Brothers	2.25
People's Power Co.	27.90
	214.31

The Librarian's report for the month ending Jany. 31st 1898 read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Religion & philosophy	46
Social science	41
Science & Useful arts	45
Fine arts	19
General Literature	205
Poetry	80
Fiction	1657
Juvenile Literature	1051
History	436
Total.	3580

Received from fines $6.00

Moved and carried that Mrs. Kolloff be allowed the sum of Two dollars for extra work

On motion adjourned.

C. J. Larkin.
Secy. pro. tem.

Rock Island Illinois. March 1. 1898
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. No quorum. Adjourned.

March 2. 1898

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Variety Wood Works.	8.00
People's Power Co.	26.64
	92.97

Librarian's report for month ending Feby 28th received, and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Religion & Philosophy	36
Social science	48
Science & Useful arts	76
Fine arts	19
General Literature	274
Poetry	97
Fiction	1660
Juvenile Literature	1090
History	521
Total	3,821

Received from fines $6.10
On motion adjourned.

Rock Island, Illinois.
April. 5. 1898.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	20.05
R.I. Argus.	2.50
Kramer Bleuer & Co	14.70
R. R. Bowker	3.65
R. Crampton	1.20
Hayes & Cleaveland.	25.20
R. A. Donaldson	10.50
J. M. Buford.	10.50
A. C. Mc. Clurg & Co	129.39
	276.82

The Librarian's report, for month ending Mch 31st, read, and on motion, ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	53
Social science	41
Science & useful arts.	85
Fine arts.	12
General literature.	280
Poetry.	84
Fiction.	1687
Juvenile Literature.	1496
History & travel.	622
	4360

Received from fines. $15.96

A communication from R. L. Schindler agent for Scribners, was read, and discussed, and on motion, it was decided that we are not in a position to purchase the books suggested. In the matter of changing the series of Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia it was decided not to change the style.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois May 3. 1898.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved
The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58,33
Union Printing Co	6,25
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	108,10
People's Power Co.	16,10
	188.78

Librarian's report for the month ending April 30th. read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Philosophy & religion	34
Social science	34
Science & Useful Arts	87
Fine arts	9
General Literature	244
Poetry	76
Fiction	1503
Juvenile Literature	1231
History	355
Total.	3,573

Received from fines $7.09
On motion of Mr Johnson it was declared the sense of the Board that all insurance be placed with those companies that would meet the lowest rate, which is at present, ten dollars per thousand.

On motion adjourned.
J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 7. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion Mr. W. Johnson was elected Chairman pro. tem. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell + Lynde.	58.33
Kramer + Bleuer.	28.10
People's Power Co.	12.65
Dial	2.00
R. Crampton + Co.	1.95
Helman - Taylor Co.	5.00
A. C. McClurg + Co.	2.22
W. T. Johnson.	5.25
William Don.	42.00
Library Bureau	270
A. D Huesing	5.25
" "	5.25
1	170.70

On motion the Bill of Hayes + Cleaveland for poleoy in Royal Insurance Co. was not allowed, as they were notified not to renew the same. The Librarian's report for month ending May 31. read, and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy + religion	20
Social science	20
Science + Useful arts	46
Fine arts.	11
General Literature	209
Poetry	71
Fiction	1348
Juvenile Literature	1040
History + travel	262
Total	3.027

Received from fines. $ 586

On motion adjourned. J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois
July 5th. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion W. Johnson was elected president pro. tem. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58,33
H S Schell	10,50
Kramer Bleuer & Co	1,50
R. I. Union	5,20
Davenport Democrat	5^{00}
E. Gale expenses	1,85
People's Power Co.	985
	92,23

The Librarian's report for the month ending June 30th 1898 read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	15
Social science	8
Science & Useful arts	24
Fine arts	6
General Literature	160
Poetry	26
Fiction	1448
Juvenile Literature	976
History	166
Total	2,829

Received from fines $5,98

The Annual Report of the Library Board to the City Council for the year ending June 1. 1898 was presented read and on motion was adopted and the Secretary was authorized to sign and present to the City Council. The matter of purchasing "The Army and Navy of the United States" by G.W Barrie was, on motion referred to the Book Committee to investigate and report to the Board.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois
August 2d. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finanane Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	$58,33
R. Crampton	80
L. G. Eddy	20^{00}
G. L. Quist	525
	84,38

Librarian's report for month ending July 31st read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	15
Social science	9
Science & Useful arts	19
Fine arts	12
General literature	176
Poetry	56
Fiction	1437
Juvenile literature	829
History	162
	2,715

Received from fines $ 8^{80}
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor
and city council of the city of Rock Island. Ills.

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1st 1898 as per appended exhibits: and we are pleased to report the interest of our citizens mentioned in our last report still continues as will be seen in report of circulation as per exhibit F. showing an increase of two thousand volumes over last year. The accession of volumes has been nine hundred and eighty four. as great as we could make it with amount of money availble for their purchase. We have kept our expenditures within the limit of our resourses. but have been obliged to reduce the small balance on hand at beginning of year by over two hundred dollars. but our report still shows a balance of \$109.30 on hand with all bills paid. but the expenses if paid to date to date would about use up this balance The efficiency of the Library could be increased if there were more funds available.

9.23

Index of reports.

Exhibit A shows Receipts
B " Expenditures.
C " Report of Treasurer
D " Receipts of Librarian
E " Condensed report of finances
F " Accessions + circulation.
G " Classified circulation.
H " Per cent of circulation.
I " List of periodicals
J. " names of Directors

and expiration of term of office.
Respectfully submitted
John W. Welch. Secy.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by
John W. Welch this 6th day of July A.D. 1898
H. C. Connelly
Notary Public

a.

Statesment of the receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1898.

June	1 1897	By Balance	350	22
"	11	" Miss Gale Fines	6	52
Sept.	11	" " "	11	70
Dec.	1	" " "	13	90
Feb	1898 3	" " "	12	50
"	2	" " "	19	15
"	31	" " "	5	86
		Tax	3626	20
			4046	05

B

Statement of expenses of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1st 1898.

1897			Library No	City No		
June	1	To Mitchell & Lynde Rent May	2394	1300	58	33
	1	" Union Printing Co. Printing	2395	1316	2	
	1	" H.S. Schill. Insurance	2396	1298	10	50
	1	" Bost Book Co. 16 v Atlantic	2397	1293	12	00
	1	" R. Crampton Supplies	2398	1309		95
	1	" Hayes & Cleaveland Insurance	2399	1317	5	25
	1	" Dial Subscription	2400	1294	2	00
	1	" McCabe Supplies	2401	1299	1	00
	1	" Kramer Bleuer & Co. Binding	2402	1297	16	10
	1	" Ellen Gale Expenses	2403	1295	12	44
	1	" J.W. Welsh Expenses Peoria	2404	1292	5	60
	1	" Katharine Gest. Assistance	2405	1296	3	00
July	1	" Ellen Gale. Salary June	2406	1301	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2407	1302	40	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2408	1303	15	00
	6	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent "	2409	1311	58	33
	6	" Variety Wood Works. Desk	2410	1307	25	00
	6	" People's Power Co. Light May & J.	2411	1308	24	75
	6	" Hill Shuman Books	2412	1306	4	00
	6	" Davenport Democrat. Subscrip.	2413	1312	5	00
	6	" G.L. Quist. Insurance	2414	1310	5	25
	6	" Kramer & Bleuer. Binding	2415	1304	10	25
	6	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2416	1322		85
	6	" J.G. McConnell. Book	2417	1305	2	50
Aug.	2	" Ellen Gale. Salary July.	2418	1313	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter. " "	2419	1314	40	00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2420	1315	15	00
	3	" People's Power Co. Light & Jan	2421	1323	22	65
	3	" R.I. Union. Subscription	2422	1333	5	20
	3	" B.F. Brown. Rubber dates	2423	1318	1	07
					544.	02

B

				Library No	City No		
August	3	Brought forward				544	02
	3	To Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Supplies	2424	1321	5	25
	3	" J. W. Stewart	Broom	2425	1341	2	20
	3	" Bijou News Depot.	Sub. to papers	2426	1327	20	00
	3	" Library Bureau.	Supplies.	2427	1319	13	00
	3	" Mitchell & Lynde.	Rent July	2428	1320	58	33
September	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Aug.	2430	1325	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2429	1324	40	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2431	1326	15	00
	7	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent "	2432	1331	58	33
	7	" People's Power Co.	Light "	2433	1335	13	30
	7	" McClurg	Book	2434	1328	1	12
	7	" D. Appleton	"	2435	1329	6	00
	7	" R. Crampton	Supplies	2436	1349	1	80
	7	" Library Bureau	"Public Lib."	2437	1330	1	00
	24	" McClurg.	Books.	2441	1332	155	98
	24	" Katharine Gest.	Substitute	2442	1334	40	00
October	2	" Ellen Gale	Salary Sept.	2438	1336	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2439	1337	40	00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2440	1338	15	00
	5	" Mitchell & Lynde.	Rent "	2443	1340	58	33
	5	" People's Power Co.	Light "	2444	1342	17	05
	5	" R. I. Argus	Subscription	2445	1348	4	30
	5	" Kramer Bleuer & Co.	Binding	2446	1339	118	05
	5	" W: H. Brett	Cumulative Index	2447	1343	5	00
November	2	" Ellen Gale	Salary Oct.	2448	1345	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2449	1346	50	00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2450	1347	15	00
Oct.	29	" McClurg	Books	2451	1344	59	86
November	2	" Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Oct.	2452	1350	58	33
	2	" R. I. Sash & Door Works	Book	2453	1368	8	00
	2	" Houghton Mifflin	Books	2454	1352	44	00
	2	" W: Don	Supplies	2455	1351	1	00
	2	" E. Gale	Expenses Sept & Oct.	2456	1353	4	19
	2	" People's Power Co.	Light Oct.	2457	1354	20	00
December	1	" Ellen Gale.	Salary Nov.	2458	1355	70	00
						1773.44	

B.

			Library No	City No.		
		Brought forward			1773	44
December	1	To Harriet O. Carter. Salary Nov	2459	1356	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff. " "	2460	1357	15	00
	7	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent "	2461	1361	58	33
	7	" People's Power Co. Light "	2462	1371	25	80
	7	" Kramer & Bleuer. Binding	2463	1360	4	80
	7	" Collins Brothers Book case	2464	1362	44	16
	7	" Kenyon News & Subscription Co. Periodicals	2465	1358	168	00
	7	" Houghton Mifflin. Poole's Index	2466	1359	10	00
	7	" C. B. Marshall. Insurance	2470	1383	5	25
1898 January	3	" Ellen Gale. Salary Dec.	2467	1363	70	00
	3	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2468	1364	50	00
	3	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2469	1365	15	00
	4	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent "	2471	1377	58	33
	4	" R. I. Ice Co. Ice 1897.	2472	1367	21	00
	4	" J. J. Baker. Repairing chairs	2473	1366	3	40
	4	" People's Power Co. Light Dec.	2474	1372	24	30
	4	" H. N. Stone. City Directory	2475	1369	5	00
February	1	" Ellen Gale. Salary Jany.	2476	1373	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter. " "	2477	1374	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff. " "	2478	1375	15	00
		" A. C. McClurg. Books	2479	1370	110	33
	1	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2480	1378	58	33
	1	" Library Bureau Supplies	2481	1376	14	45
	1	" R. Crampton "	2482		1	05
	1	" Collins Brothers Hat hooks	2483	1407	2	25
	1	" People's Power Co. Light Jan.	2484	1379	27	90
March	1	" Ellen Gale. Salary Feb.	2485	1380	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2486	1381	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2487	1382	15	00
	1	" " " Extra work	2488	1385	2	00
	2	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent	2489	1386	58	33
	2	" Variety Wood Works.	2490	1384	8	00
	2	" People's Power Co. Light Feby.	2491	1387	26	64
April	1	" Ellen Gale. Salary Mch.	2492	1388	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2493	1389	50	00
					3101	09

B.

			Library No.	City No.		
		Brought forward			3101	09
April	1	To Augusta Kolloff. Salary Mch.	2494	1390	15	00
	5	" Mitchell + Lynde. Rent "	2495	1394	58	33
	5	" People's Power Co. Light "	2496	1396	20	05
	5	" R.I. Argus. Subscription	2497	1405	2	50
	5	" Kramer + Bleuer. Binding	2498	1395	14	70
	5	" R.R. Bowker. Literary Index	2499	1392	3	65
	5	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2500		1	20
	5	" Hayes + Cleaveland. Insurance	2501	1397	25	00
	5	" R.A. Donaldson. "	2502	1402	10	50
	5	" J.M. Buford. "	2503	1391	10	50
	5	" A.C. McClurg. Books	2504	1393	129	39
May	2	" Ellen Gale Salary April	2505	1398	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2506	1399	50	00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2507	1400	15	00
	3	" Mitchell + Lynde Rent "	2508	1403	58	33
	3	" Union Printing Co. Printing	2509	1404	6	25
	3	" Kramer + Bleuer. Binding	2510	1401	108	10
	3	" People's Power Co. Light April	2511		16	10
	17	" A.C. McClurg. Books.	2515	1406	110	96
					38	26.65

C.

Annual statement of Library
Year ending June 1-1898.
H. B. Simmon. City Treas.

1897			1897		
	Paid Orders	3936.75	June 1	By Balance	35022
	To Balance	10930		" Miss Gale	6963
				" City	362620
		404605			404605
				By Balance	10930

D.

Statement of fines etc. received by Ellen Gale Librarian and deposited with the City Treasurer during the year ending June 1-1898.

1897				
June	1	Balance on hand	6 52	
"	"	Fines	3 92	
July	"	"	3 58	
Aug.	"	"	4 20	
Sept.	"	"	4 42	
Oct.	"	"	4 42	
Nov.	"	"	5 06	
Dec.	"	"	6 50	
	1898			
Jany.	"	"	6 00	
Febry.	"	"	6 10	
Mch	"	"	5 96	
Apl.	"	"	7 09	
May	"	"	5 86	
		Deposited with City Treasurer		6 52
June	11	" "		11 70
Sept.	11	" "		13 90
Dec.	1	" "		12 50
Febry	3	" "		19 15
May	2	" "		5 86
"	31	" "	69 63	69 63

E.

Report of Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1898.

Total receipts per schedule "A"	4046 05	
Orders issued by the Library Board. but not yet presented for payment. #$\overset{1349}{2436}$ $1.80 #2482 $1.05. #2500 $1.20 #2511 $16.00	20 15	
Total expenditures per schedule B		3826.65
Orders issued by the Library Board by not presented for payment until this year. #$\overset{1288}{2390}$ $70.00. #$\overset{1289}{2391}$ $40.00 #$\overset{1290}{2392}$ $15.00 #$\overset{1291}{2388}$ $5.25		130.25
Balance June 1. 1898		109.30
	4066 20	4066.20

F.

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1897	13.001
Number added by purchase	787
Number received by gift	136
Number worn out and withdrawn	333
Number lost and paid for	2
Number lost	4
Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1898	13.585

Circulation.

Number of volumes issued during the year	37.786
Average monthly use	3.149
Number of days the Library has been open during the year	308

G.

	Religion and Philosophy	Social science	Science & Useful Arts	Fine Arts	General literature	Poetry	Fiction	Juvenile literature	History & Travel.	Total
June 1897	21	9	26	8	137	30	1430	640	133	2434
July "	21	10	30	8	156	44	1511	702	136	2618
August "	10	11	22	6	173	20	1447	669	165	2523
September "	24	12	26	9	181	36	1455	577	200	2520
October "	36	33	45	8	221	50	1496	698	306	2893
November "	41	34	59	13	255	58	1530	837	344	3171
December "	30	32	45	9	258	53	1548	931	360	3266
January 1898	46	41	45	19	205	80	1657	1051	436	3580
February "	36	48	76	19	274	97	1660	1090	521	3821
March "	53	41	85	12	280	84	1687	1496	622	4360
April "	34	34	87	9	244	76	1503	1231	355	3573
May "	20	20	46	11	209	71	1348	1040	262	3027
	372	325	592	131	2593	699	18272	10962	3844	37786

H.

Per-cent of circulation

Philosophy and religion	.98
Social science	.86
Science and Useful Arts	1.57
Fine Arts	.35
General literature	6.86
Poetry	1.85
Fiction	48.36
Juvenile literature	29.01
History and travel	10.16
	100.00

9.

List of periodicals received at the Rock Island Public Library.

Atlantic Monthly
Book Buyer
Forum
Century Magazine
Scribner's Magazine
Harper's Monthly
Cosmopolitan
Living Age
Popular Science Monthly
North American Review
St. Nicholas
New England Magazine
Munsey's Magazine
Arena
Bookman
+ Life
Review of Reviews
Political Science Quarterly
Library Journal
Public Libraries
McClure's Magazine
Lippincott's Magazine
Nation
American Machinist
Publisher's Weekly
Leslie's Illustrated News
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar
Scientific American & Supp.
" " Builders ed.
Puck
Judge
Critic
Literary World.

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Dial
Youth's Companion
American Architect
Lady's Home Journal
Chicago Tribune.
Chicago Times-Herald
Chicago Inter-Ocean
Chicago Chronicle
St. Louis Globe Democrat
Davenport Democrat
Rock Island Daily Union
Rock Island Argus
Rock Island Volks-Zeitung.

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Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and time when their term of office will expire.

C. J. Larkin	July 1898
J. H. Kerr	" "
Louis Kohn	" "
Walter Johnson	July 1899
J. W. Welch	" "
C. K. Mixter	" "
C. L. Walker	July 1900
C. W. Foss	" "
C. W. Durham.	" "

Rock Island. Sept. 6. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following Bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	$58.33
People's Power Co.	22.70
McCabe.	1.33
Library Bureau	14.45
A. C. McClurg & Co.	67.31
Kramer Bleuer & Co.	.75
J. S. McDonald. & Co.	1.35
	$166.22

The Librarian's report for the month ending August 31st read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation.

Philosophy & religion	34
Social science.	18
Science and Useful arts.	32
Fine arts.	11
General Literature.	164
Poetry.	106
Fiction.	1481
Juvile Literature.	808
History.	193
Total.	2847

Received from fines $7.04

On motion of Mr. Johnson the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous election of C. S. Walker as President, and J. W. Welch as Secretary. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy

Rock Island, Oct. 4. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
H. D. Folsom	5.00
J. S. McDonald	16.90
Library Bureau	2.00
Kramer & Co.	3.20
People's Power Co.	22.81
	$108.24

The Bill of Rand McNally & Co for Atlas sent on approval was presented and after discussion it was decided that the present time was not favorable to a purchase of an atlas of the world as so many changes are likely to be made, and it was decided to return the Atlas with this explanation.

The Librarian's report for month ending September 30th was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	18
Social science	11
Science & Useful arts	39
Fine arts	12
General Literature	170
Poetry	127
Fiction	1509
Juvenile Literature	736
History	257
Total	2879

Received from fines etc. $5^{60}

On motion the matter of purchasing a card catalogue case was referred to the Book Committee with power to act. The Rooms Committee were authorized to purchase a new water cooler. The matter of assistant to Librarian was referred to the Finance Committee. The President announced the committees for the year as follows.

Committee on Books.

J. W. Welch. Walter Johnson. C. W. Foss.

Committee on Finance.

L. Kohn. C. J. Larkin. C. K. Mixter

Committee on Periodicals.

Walter Johnson. C. W. Durham. J. H. Kerr.

Committee on Rooms.

C. J. Larkin. L. Kohn. J. H. Kerr.

Committee on Rules.

C. W. Foss. J. W. Welch. C. K. Mixter.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Nov. 2. 1898

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell + Lynde	58,33
A. C. Mc Clurg	106,97
People's Power Co.	23,55
	188,85

The Librarian's report for the month ending October 31st was read. and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy + religion	44
Social science.	39
Science + useful arts.	61
Fine arts	15
General literature	192
Poetry	123
Fiction.	1,549
Juvenile Literature.	1086
History.	450
Total.	3559

Received from fines.	$581
" Membership fee	500
	10,81

On motion the Librarian was authorized to subscribe for the five additional volumes of the American Statesmen series. and also to purchase Keller's "Lake Dweller's of Switzerland"

The Rooms Committee reported having purchased a water cooler as ordered at last meeting. Adjourned. J.W. Welch, Sec.

Rock Island. Illinois
December 6. 1898.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell + Lynde.	$58.33
People's Power Co.	22.84
Union Printing Co.	3.75
Kate Spear	2.50
J. W. Stewart	3.20
J. J. Baker.	6.00
R Crampton	1.55
Kramer + Co.	90.80
W. Don.	44.40
	233.37

The Librarian's report for the month ending November 30th, received and on motion placed on file.

Circulation.

Philosophy + religion.	58
Social science.	43
Science	75
Fine arts.	10
Poetry	61
General literature	302
Fiction.	1629
Juvenile literature	1331
History.	595
Total	4.104

Received from fines.	$5.50
" Membership fee	2.00
	7.50

The Periodical Committee presented a list of periodicals for ensuing year, which was accepted. and the Librarian authorized to order through Kenyon Subscription Co. On motion the Librarian was authorized to subscribe for the Century Atlas bound in half Russia price $\$15^{00}$ The Book Committee presented a list of books, which on motion were ordered purchased, On motion Librarian was authorized to order catalogue case of 48 trays. On motion adjourned.

J W Welch Secy

Rock Island. Illinois. Jany. 3. 1899

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell + Lynde.	58.33
Allen Myers + Co.	11.80
Kramer + Co.	13.20
Library Bureau	3.00
Union Printing Co.	1.75
Rock Island Ice Co.	21.00
Hayes Cooke + Co.	54.52
Expenses	2.11
People's Power Co	23.25
	$ 188.16

The Librarian's report for the month ending December 31st was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy + religion	52
Social science.	18
Science + Useful arts.	64
Fine arts.	16
General literature.	264
Poetry.	103
Fiction.	1492
Juvenile literature.	1182
History.	503
Total.	3.694

Received from fines $6.00

On motion of C. W. Foss the Librarian was authorized to purchase Warner's "Library of the World's best Literature" of McClurg + Co if their offer of $52.50 for set of 30 volumes in cloth still holds good. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. Feby. 7th. 1899

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. No quorum being present adjourned till Feby. 9th at 5 o'clock P. M.

Rock Island, Illinois. Feby. 9th 1899

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meetings of Jany. 3d and Feby. 7th read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
D. Appleton	5.00
People's Power Co.	25.15
Scribner's	6.00
Library Bureau.	65.00
A. C. Mc Clurg.	75.52
" "	64.42
Expenses.	4.36
Hayes Cooke & Co.	28.35
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Augusta Kelloff	15.00
	467,13

The Librarian's report for the month ending Jany. 31. 1899 was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation.

Philasophy & religion	36
Social science	32
Science & Useful arts	73
Fine arts	20
General literature	258
Poetry.	111
Fiction	1959

Juvenile literature	1511
History + travel	503
Total	4,503

Received from fines	$6.15
" Membership fees	3.00
	9.15

On motion the matter of securing ice for the ensuing year was referred to the Rooms Committee with power to act.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, March 7, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	18.14
H. F. Cordes.	1.90
R Crampton	65
J. M. Buford.	1050
Hayes & Cleaveland	26.25
R. A. Donaldson	10.50
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff.	15.00
Kenyon News & Subscription Co	155.20
H. E. Hooper.	14 25
	430.72

The omission of formal allowance of bills of Kenyon News & Subscription Co $155.20, and H. E. Hooper ($14.25), paid in December was reported and on motion same were allowed.

The Librarian's report for the month ending February 28th was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion.	62
Social science	40
Science & Useful arts	108
Fine arts	19
General literature	282
Poetry	118
Fiction	1929
Juvenile literature	1286
History & Travel.	607
Total	4451

Received from fines $9.47

The Committee on Rooms to whom was referred the matter of securing ice. reported having made a contract with C. A. Schoessel of the Consolidated Ice Co. to furnish ice through the year at $1.75 per month. On motion action of Committee approved. The offer of publishers to provide the Christian Science Sentenal free of charge was on motion accepted, and the proposition of exchanging the edition of "Science and Health" for the latest edition was laid over till next meeting for further investigation On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. Apl. 4. 1899

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Hayes Cooke & Co.	9.68
R. R. Bowker.	3.50
R. I. Ice Co.	4.40
Kramer & Co.	59.65
People's Power Co.	20.05
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff	15.00
	290.61

The proposition of Shaffer Bluer & Schlemmer to furnish their Directory for Five Dollars was accepted, and the President was authorized to subscribe for the same on condition that the work is satisfactory.

On motion the Committee on Books was authorized to purchase
Luce's "Seamanship"
Bowditch's "Practical Navigator" and
Radford's "Naval Gunnery, if they shall deem wise after finding out price of the same.

The Librarian's report for month ending Mch. 31st was read, and on motion, ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	53
Social science	41
Science & Useful arts	110
Fine arts.	30

General Literature	324
Poetry	1,20
Fiction	2234
Juvenile Literature	1550
History	669
Total	5131
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Received from fines $9.65
On motion adjourned.
J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. May 2. 1899
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Kramer & Co.	10.85
A. D. Huesing	525
People's Power Co.	15.10
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff.	15.00
A. C. Mc Clurg & Co	1088
	235.41

The Librarian's report for the month ending April 30th was read, and on motion, placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	41
Social science	35
Science & Useful arts	88
Fine arts	16
General Literature	253
Poetry	101
Fiction	1814
Juvenile Literature	1221
History	353
Total	3922

Received from fines	983
Membership fee	200
	11.83

On motion adjourned.
J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. May 27. 1899

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. On motion the reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58,33
Ward Brothers	79,28
People's Power Co.	1.05
Union Printing Co.	2.00
A. D. Huesing	5.25
W. J. Johnson.	5.25
H Schull.	10,50
McCabe Brothers	1.00
Expenses.	2.00
	164,66

On motion it was voted to close the Library on Decoration day.

On motion the President and Secretary were authorized to prepare the Annual Report and present the same to the Mayor and City Council.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, June 6. 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion C. J. Larkin was elected President pro. tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion approved

On motion the subscription to the Dial was ordered discontinued,

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were were read, approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

People's Power. Co.	14.39
Kramer & Co.	3.50
R. Crampton	95
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff.	15.00
	153.84

The Librarian's report for the month ending May 31st was read and on motion placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	22
Social science	28
Science & Useful arts	66
Fine arts	15
General Literature	192
Poetry	63
Fiction	1537
Juvenile Literature	972
History	276
Total	3.171

Received from fines $11.37

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor
and city council of the city of Rock Island, Ills.

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1st 1899, as per appended exhibits. In our last report we called attention to the fact of the increase of circulation of two thousand volumes over the previous year, and now, with pride, we report an increase of over six thousand volumes over last year, this evidencing the fact that not only is the population of our city increasing, but the interest and value of our Library is making an extraordinary increase which if kept up will force upon us as a city, the necessity of providing an increase of the revenues of the Library to meet it, as our report of accessions show but a net increase of three hundred and eleven volumes during the year: being all we could purchase with the money at our disposal. We have kept our expenditures within our income, but have felt that we ought to have been able to purchase more books to meet the daily demands.

Index of reports.

Exhibit	A	shows	Receipts
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"	F	"	Accession + circulation.
"	G.	"	Classified circulation
"	H	"	Per cent of circulation
"	I	"	List of periodicals
"	J	"	Names of directors and

and expiration of term of office.

Respectfully submitted
John W. Welch, Secy.

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned notary public this 5th day of June 1899.
B. D. Connelly,
Notary Public.

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Statement of the Receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1st 1899

	1898			
June	1	By Balance	109.	30
July	22	" Tax	1000	
Sept.	1	" Miss Gale	14	78
Oct.	31	" " "	23	45
Dec.	17	" Tax	1500	
	1899			
Jany.	3	" Miss Gale	13	50
Feby.	16	" " "	9	15
Mch.	3	" " "	7	47
Apl.	15	" Tax	1309	45
"	8	" Miss Gale	9	65
May	2	" " "	11	83
	29	" " "	11	37
			4019	95

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Statement of expenses of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1st 1899

	1898			Library no	City no		
June	1	To Ellen Gale	Salary May 1898	2512	1408	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2513	1409	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2514	1410	15	00
	7	" W. J. Johnson -	Insurance	2516	1418	5	25
	7	" Mitchell + Lynde.	Rent May	2517	1419	58	33
	7	" Kramer + Bleuer.	Binding	2518	1427	28	10
	7	" People's Power Co.	Light May	2519	1432	12	65
	7	" Dial	Subscription.	2520	1414	2	00
	7	" R. Crampton + Co.	Supplies	2521	1422	1	95
	7	" Helman-Taylor Co.	Index	2522	1415	5	00
	7	" A. C. McClurg + Co.	Books	2523	1416	2	22
	7	" W. Don.	Binding	2524	1412	42	00
	7	" Library Bureau	Supplies	2525	1417	2	70
	7	" A. D. Huesing	Insurance	2526	1413	10	50
July	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary June	2527	1423	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2528	1424	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2529	1425	15	00
	5	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent June	2530	1431	58	33
	5	" H. L. Schill	Insurance	2531	1429	10	50
	5	" Kramer + Bleuer	Supplies	2532	1428	1	50
	5	" R. I. Union	Subscription	2533	1426	5	20
	5	" Davenport Democrat	"	2534	1435	5	00
	5	" Ellen Gale.	Expenses May + June	2535	1436	1	85
	5	" People's Power Co.	Light June	2536	1433	9	85
	5	" Katharine Gest	Substitute	2537	1430	20	00
August	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary July	2538	1437	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2539	1434	50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2540	1438	15	00
	3	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent July	2541	1440	58	33
	3	" G. L. Quist	Insurance	2542	1439	5	25
	3	" R. Crampton	Supplies	2543	1464		80
	3	" Eddy + Stroehle	Chicago papers	2544	1442	20	00
						772	31

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	1898			Library no	City no	
Sept.	1	Brought forward				772,31
	1	To Ellen Gale	Salary August	2545	1443	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2546	1444	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2547	1445	15 00
	6	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2548	1448	58 33
Aug	24	" A.C. McClurg	Books	2549	1441	67 31
Sept.	6	" Katharine Gest.	Substitute	2550	1449	20 00
	6	" Peoples Power Co.	Light Jl + Aug	2551	1469	22 70
	6	" McCabe Bros.	Supplies	2552	1454	1 33
	6	" Library Bureau	"	2553	1446	14 45
	6	" Kramer + Bleuer	"	2554	1450	75
	6	" J.S. McDonald + Co.	Magazine binder	2555	1447	1 35
Oct.	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Sept.	2556	1451	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2557	1452	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff.	" "	2558	1453	15 00
	4	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2559	1458	58 33
	4	" H.D. Folsom	Clock	2560	1468	5 00
	4	" J.S. McDonald + Co.	Magazine binders	2561	1455	16 90
	4	" Library Bureau.	Supplies	2562	1456	2 00
	4	" Kramer Co.	"	2563	1457	3 20
	4	" People's Power Co.	Light Sept	2564	1470	22 81
Nov.	1	" Ellen Gale.	Salary Oct 1898	2565	1459	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" " "	2566	1460	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" " "	2567	1461	15 00
	2	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2568	1463	58 33
	2	" A.C. McClurg	Books	2569	1462	106 97
	2	" People's Power Co.	Light Oct.	2570	1471	23 55
Dec.	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Nov	2571	1465	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2572	1466	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2573	1467	15 00
	6	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent Nov.	2574	1479	58 33
						1853 95

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	1898				Library no	City no		
Dec.	6		Brought forward				1853	95
	6	To	People's Power Co.	Light Nov.	2575	1500	22	84
	6	"	Union Printing Co	Supplies	2576	1477	3	75
	6	"	Kate Spear	Kleansall	2577	1472	2	50
	6	"	J. W. Stewart	Broom	2578	1503	3	20
	6	"	J. J. Baker	Reseating chairs	2579	1474	6	00
	6	"	R. Crampton	Supplies	2580	1487	1	55
	6	"	Kramer & Co.	Binding	2581	1478	90	80
	6	"	W. Don	"	2582	1473	44	40
	6	"	Kenyon News & Subscription Co	Periodicals 1899	2583	1475	155	20
	6	"	H. E. Hooper	Century Atlas	2584	1476	14	25
Jany.	1899 3	"	Ellen Gale	Salary Dec.	2585	1480	70	00
	3	"	Harriet O. Carter	" "	2586	1481	50	00
	3	"	Augusta Kolloff	" "	2587	1482	15	00
	3	"	Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Dec.	2588	1490	58	33
	3	"	Allen. Myers & Co.	Water cooler	2589	1495	11	00
	3	"	Kramer & Co.	Binding	2590	1488	13	20
	3	"	Library Bureau	Supplies	2591	1484	3	00
	3	"	Union Printing Co	"	2592	1505	1	75
	3	"	R. I. Ice Co.	Ice 1898	2593	1483	21	00
	3	"	Hayes Cooke & Co.	Books	2594	1485	54	52
	3	"	Ellen Gale	Expenses	2595	1486	2	11
	3	"	People's Power Co.	Light Dec.	2596	1501	23	25
Febry.	1	"	Ellen Gale	Salary June	2597	1492	70	00
	1	"	Harriet O. Carter	" "	2598	1493	50	00
	1	"	Augusta Kolloff	" "	2599	1494	15	00
Jany.	13	"	A. C. McClurg & Co.	Books	2600	1489	64	42
	18	"	Hayes Cooke & Co.	Books	2601	1491	28	35
Febry.	9	"	Mitchell & Lynde	Rent Jany.	2602	1504	58	33
	9	"	D. Appleton & Co.	Book	2603	1496	5	00
	9	"	People's Power Co.	Light Jany	2604	1502	25	15
							2837.85	

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	1899			Library No	City No		
Feby	9	Brought forward				2837	85
	9	To Scribner's Sons	Book	2605	1497	6	00
	9	" Library Bureau	Tray case	2606		65	00
	9	" A.C.McClurg	Books	2607		75	52
	9	" E. Gale	Expenses	2608		4	36
Mch	1	" Ellen Gale	Salary Feby.	2609		70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2610		50	00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2611		15	00
	7	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent Feby.	2612		58	33
	7	" People's Power Co.	Light "	2613		18	14
	7	" H.T. Cordes	Packing case	2614		1	90
	7	" R. Crampton	Supplies	2615			65
	7	" J.M. Buford	Insurance	2616		10	50
	7	" Hayes + Cleaveland	"	2617		26	25
	7	" R.A. Donaldson	"	2618		10	50
Apl.	3	" Ellen Gale	Salary Mch	2619		70	00
	3	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2620		50	00
	3	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2621		15	00
	4	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2622		58	33
	4	" Hayes Cooke + Co.	Books	2623		9	68
	4	" R.R. Bowker	"	2624		3	50
	4	" R.I. Ice Co	Ice	2625		4	40
	4	" Kramer + Co	Binding	2626		59	65
	4	" People's Power Co.	Light Mch	2627		20	05
May	2	" Ellen Gale	Salary Apl	2628		70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter	" "	2629		50	00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff	" "	2630		15	00
	2	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent "	2631		58	33
	2	" A.C.McClurg	Books	2632		10	88
	2	" Kramer + Co	Binding	2633		10	85
	2	" A.D. Huesing	Insurance	2634		5	25
						3760	92

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				Library No	City No		
May	2	Brought forward				3760	92
	2	To People's Power Co.	Light Apl.	2635	1537	15	10
	27	" Mitchell + Lynde	Rent May	2636	1533	58	33
	27	" Ward Bros.	Binding	2637	1534	79	28
	27	" People's Power Co.		2638	1538	1	05
	27	" Union Printing Co.	Printing	2639	1530	2	00
	27	" A.D. Huesing	Insurance	2640	1532	5	25
	27	" W.F. Johnson	"	2641	1531	5	25
	27	" H. Schill	"	2642	1541	10	50
	27	" McCabe Bros	Supplies	2643	1540	1	00
	27	" Ellen Gale	Expenses	2644	1539	2	00
						3940	68

C.

Report of City Treasurer to Library Board for the year ending May 31st 1899

	Order	Amount
June 1 1898		
To paid orders	#1408	$70 00
	1409	50 00
	1410	15 00
	1411	16 10
	1412	42 00
	1413	10 50
	1414	2 00
	1415	5 00
	1416	2 22
	1417	2 70
	1418	5 25
	1419	58 33
	1420	1 05
	1421	1 20
	1422	1 95
	1423	70 00
	1424	50 00
	1425	15 00
	1426	5 20
	1427	28 10
	1428	1 50
	1429	10 50
	1430	20 00
	1431	58 33
	1434	50 00
	1432	12 65
	1433	9 85
	1435	5 00
	1437	70 00
	1438	15 00
	1439	5 25
	1440	58 33
	1441	67 31
	1436	1 85
	1442	20 00
	1443	70 00
	1444	50 00
	1445	15 00
	1446	14 45
	1447	1 35
	1448	58 33
	1449	20 00
	1450	75
	1451	70 00
	1452	50 00
	1453	15 00
	1454	1 33
	1455	16 90
	1456	2 00
	1457	3 20
	1458	58 33
	1459	70 00
	1461	15 00
	1462	106 97
	1463	58 33
	1464	80
	1460	50 00
	1465	70 00
	1466	50 00
1899	1467	15 00
May 31	1468	5 00
	1469	22 70
	1470	22 81
	1471	23 55
	1472	2 50
	1473	44 40
	1474	6 00
	1475	155 20
	1476	14 25
	1477	3 75

	Order	Amount
Forward		2040.07
	1478	90 80
	1479	58 33
	1480	70 00
	1481	50 00
	1482	15 00
	1483	21 00
	1484	3 00
	1485	54 52
	1486	2 11
	1487	1 55
	1488	13 20
	1489	64 42
	1490	58 33
	1491	28 35
	1492	70 00
	1493	50 00
	1494	15 00
	1495	11 00
	1496	5 00
	1497	6 00
	1498	65 00
	1499	75 52
	1500	22 84
	1501	23 25
	1502	25 15
	1503	3 20
	1504	58 33
	1505	1 75
	1506	4 36
	1507	70 00
	1508	50 00
	1509	15 00
	1510	10 50
	1511	58 33
	1512	70 00
	1514	15 00
	1515	59 65
	1516	9 68
	1517	3 50
	1518	4 40
	1519	58 33
	1513	50 00
	1520	26 25
	1521	70 00
	1522	50 00
	1523	15 00
	1524	10 88
	1525	10 85
	1526	58 33
	1527	1 90
	1529	10 50
	1530	2 00
	1531	5 25
	1533	58 33
	1534	79 28
	1535	18 14
	1536	20 05
	1537	15 10
	1538	1 05
	1539	2 00
Balance		83 57
		4019 95

Date		Amount
1898 June 1.	By Balance	109 30
July 22.	Trans from Gen. fund	1000 00
Sept. 1.	Miss Gale	14 78
Oct. 31	" "	23 45
Dec. 17	Trans from Gen. fund	1523 00
1899 Jan. 3	Miss Gale	13 50
Feb. 16	" "	9 15
Mch 3	" "	7 47
Apr 15	Trans from Gen. fund	1309 45
" 8	Miss Gale	9 65
May 2	" "	11 83
" 29	" "	11 37
May 31 1899		4019 95
1899 May 31		83 57

D.

Statement of fines etc. received by Ellen Gale, Librarian and deposited with the City Treasurer during the year ending June 1. 1899.

June 1898	Fines	5 98	
July "	"	8 80	
August "	"	7 04	
September "	"	5 60	
October "	"	5 81	
" "	Membership	5 00	
November "	Fines	5 50	
"	Membership	2 00	
December "	Fines	6 00	
January 1899	"	6 15	
"	Membership	3 00	
February "	Fines	7 47	
March "	"	9 65	
April "	"	9 83	
"	Membership	2 00	
May "	Fines	11 37	101 20

1898 September 1	Deposited with City Treasurer		14 78
October 31	" " "		23 45
1899 January 3	" " "		13 50
February 16	" " "		9 15
March 3	" " "		7 45
April 8	" " "		9 65
May 2	" " "		11 83
29	" " "		11 37
		101.20	101.20

E.

Report of the Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1899.

Total receipts per schedule "A"	4019	95		
Orders issued by the Library Board but not yet presented for payment #$\frac{1528}{2625}$ .65 #$\frac{1545}{2634}$ $5.25. #$\frac{1532}{2640}$ $5.25 #$\frac{1541}{2642}$ $10.50 #$\frac{1540}{2643}$ $1.00	22	65		
Total expenditures per schedule "B"			3940	68
Orders issued by the Library Board but not presented for payment until this year #$\frac{1411}{2511}$ $16.10 #$\frac{1420}{2482}$ $1.05. #$\frac{1421}{2500}$ $1.20			18	35
Balance June 1. 1899			83	57
	4042	60	4042	60

F.

Accessions.

Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1898	13 585
Number added by purchase	4 85
Number received by gift	52
Number worn out and withdrawn	2 19
Number lost	7
Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1899	13 896

Circulation.

Number of volumes issued during the year	43 805
Average monthly use	3 650
Number of days the library has been open during the year	308

S.

	Religion + Philosophy	Social Science	Science + Useful arts	Fine Arts	General literature	Poetry	Fiction	Juvenile literature	History + travel	Total
June 1898	15	8	24	6	160	26	1448	976	166	2829
July "	15	9	19	12	176	56	1437	829	162	2715
August "	34	18	32	11	164	106	1481	808	193	2847
September "	18	11	39	12	170	127	1509	736	257	2879
October "	44	39	61	15	192	123	1549	1086	450	3559
November "	58	43	75	10	61	302	1629	1331	595	4104
December "	52	18	64	16	264	103	1492	1182	503	3694
January 1899	36	32	73	20	258	111	1959	1511	503	4503
February "	62	40	108	19	282	118	1929	1286	607	4451
March "	53	41	110	30	324	120	2234	1550	669	5131
April "	41	35	88	16	253	101	1814	1221	353	3922
May "	22	28	66	15	192	63	1537	972	276	3171
	450.	322.	759.	182.	2496.	356.	20018.	13488.	4734.	43805

H.

Per-cent of circulation.

Philosophy and Religion	1.03
Social Science	.74
Science and Useful arts	1.73
Fine arts	.42
General literature	5.70
Poetry	3.09
Fiction	45.70
Juvenile literature	30.79
History	10.80
	100.00

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List of periodicals received at the
Rock Island Public Library 1898-9.

Atlantic Monthly
Book Buyer
Century
Forum
Cosmopolitan
Scribner's
Harper's Monthly
Living Age
Popular Science Monthly
North American Review.
New England Magazine
Munsey's Magazine
St. Nicholas
Bookman
Political Science Quarterly
Library Journal
Public Libraries
Review of Reviews
McClure's Magazine
Lippincott's Magazine
Critic
Nation
Publishers Weekly
Leslie's Illustrated News
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar
Scientific American + Supp.
" " Builders edition
+ Puck
+ Judge
Literary World
Dial
Youth's Companion
American Architect
Ladies Home Journal
Christian Science Sentinel

Chicago Tribune
Chicago Times-Herald
Chicago Inter-Ocean
Chicago Chronicle
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Rock Island Daily Union
Rock Island Argus
Rock Island Volks-Zeitung
Davenport Democrat

J.

Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library, and time when their terms of office will expire.

Walter Johnson	July 1899
J. W. Welch	" "
C. K. Mixter	" "
C. L. Walker	July 1900
C. W. Foss	" "
C. W. Durham	" "
C. J. Larkin	July 1901
J. H. Kerr	" "
Louis Kohn	" "

Rock Island, Illinois, August. 1. 1899

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion C. J. Larkin was elected President pro. tem.

The minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 116.66
People's Power Co	10.10
Schaffer Bleuer & Co.	5.00
David Don	1.40
A. C. McClurg.	10.75
Eddy & Stroehle	16.00
G. L. Guist	5.25
Allen Myers & Co	30
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff.	15.00
Katharine Gest	20.00
Helman-Taylor Co.	5.00
	325.46

The Librarian's reports for the months ending June 30. and July 31. were read, and on motion, placed on file

June

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	26
Social science	17
Science & Useful arts	45
Fine arts	24
General literature	179
Poetry	76
Fiction	1545
Juvenile literature	918
History	206
Total	3.036

Received from fines $9.28.

July.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	28
Social science.	18
Science & Useful arts	42
Fine arts	3
General literature	188
Poetry	99
Fiction	1596
Juvenile literature	798
History	189
Total	2,961

Received from fines. $8.40

On motion, the Librarian was directed to send the books needing rebinding to Ward Brothers for binding.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. September. 5. 1899
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library
Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.83
Union Printing Co.	1.75
Miss Kate Spear	2.50
Dillon & Clark	38.00
A. C. McClurg & Co.	7.95
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
People's Power Co.	27.07
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O Carter	50.00
Augusta Kolloff.	15.00
Katharine Gest.	20.00
	298.85

The Librarian's report for the month ending August 31st, was read and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	23
Social science	13
Science & Useful arts	38
Fine arts	5
General Literature	191
Poetry	75
Fiction	1531
Juvenile Literature	706
History	146
Total	2728

Received from fines	$4.65
Membership fee	1.00
	5.65

The resignation of Mrs Kolloff was presented, and accepted. and on motion the selection of a successor was referred to the Committee on Rooms. with power to act. The matter of arranging book-cases for childrens department was referred to the President. Secretary and Chairman of Rooms Committee. with power to act. On motion the Librarian was directed to distribute Catalogues of the Library gratuitously.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. October 3. 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Eddy & Stroehle	4.00
Mc Cabe & Co	1.86
R. Crampton	1.35
Kramer & Co.	11.10
Library Bureau	2.40
R. I. Stair Works.	32.45
A. C Mc Clurg & Co	123.80
People's Power Co.	12.21
Ellen Gale	70.00
H. O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Sence	15.00
Mrs Kolloff	3.50
	386.00

The Librarian's report for month ending September 30th read, and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	18
Social science	20
Science & Useful arts	31
Fine arts	10
General Literature	199
Poetry	77
Fiction	1,486
Juvenile Literature	816
History	207
Total	2,864

Received from fines $ 6.58
Membership fee 1.00 _ $7.58

On motion adjourned until Tuesday evening, October 10th, at 7.30 P. M.
J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.
October 10th. 1899

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
On motion the Board proceeded to organize for the coming year.
On motion C. L. Walker was elected President, and J. W. Welch was elected Secretary - unanimously.
On motion C. L. Walker W. Johnson and C. J. Larkin were appointed a committee to take into consideration the matter of building a Library Building, and to report to the Board. President Walker appointed the following standing committees.

Committee on Books
J. W. Welch. Walter Johnson Prof C. W. Foss

Committee on Finance.
L. Kohn. C. J. Larkin. Charles Fiebig

Committee on Periodicals.
Walter Johnson. C. W. Durham. J. H. Kerr.

Committee on Rooms.
C. J. Larkin. L. Kohn. J. H. Kerr,

Committee on Rules
C. W. Foss. J. W. Welch. Charles Fiebig.
On motion adjourned. J. W. Welch. Sec

Rock Island, Illinois.
November. 7. 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Peoples Power Co.	34.74
Union Printing Co.	3.00
Expenses. Sept & Oct.	3.05
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
Davis Co.	50
J.W. Stewart	1.50
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet. O. Carter.	50.00
Mrs Luce	15.00
	241.37

The Librarian's report for month ending October 31st was read, and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	29
Social science	24
Science & Useful arts	58
Fine arts	18
General literature	235
Poetry	52
Fiction	1575
Juvenile literature	1488
History	432
	3911

Received from fines.	$5.01
" Membership fee	1.00
	6.01

The Committee on Books presented a list of books needed, and on

motion they were empowered to order same. On motion the Librarian was authorized to purchase Binders for magazines, catalogue cards, and Book Supports needed.
On motion Miss Nina Bowen was granted a card for books on account of being a teacher in the public schools employed in the city.
On motion the action of the Librarian in suspending Tillie Wiedland from privileges of the Library was unanimously approved. The matter of procuring a Bulletin board was referred the Rooms Committee with power to act. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois Dec. 5. 1899

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same,

Mitchell & Lynde	58,33
Library Bureau	25.60
A. C. McClurg & Co.	118.08
W. B Harrison	.60
Kramer & Co.	10.35
Expenses.	1.50
R. Crampton	1.80
Hess Brothers	65
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50,00
Mrs Lence	15.00
	351.91

Librarian's report for the month ending November 30th was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion.	44
Social science.	25
Science & Useful arts.	68
Fine arts.	15
General literature	293
Poetry	85
Fiction.	1547
Juvenile literature.	1620
History	485
Total	4182

Received from fines. $5.92

The Committee on Books presented a list of books needed, and on motion were authorized to purchase the same. The Committee on Periodicals presented a list of periodicals for ensuing year, which on motion, was approved, and the President and Secretary authorized to sign order for amount of subscription. On motion the proposal of Mr Burlingame to exchange of our edition of American Statesmen for revised edition, and also for purchase of new edition of Hawthorne was unanimously accepted, and Secretary authorized to sign contract for the same.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, Jany. 5. 1900

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.83
People's Power Co	64.02
Ward Brothers	150.41
J. A. Burlingame.	15.20
Houghton Mifflin & Co	25.75
Ellen Gale,	4.88
Kenyon News Co.	151.35
A. C. McClurg & Co,	72.01
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	56.00
Mrs Lence	15.00
	676.95

The Librarian's report for the month ending December 31st was read, and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	38
Social science	22
Science & Useful arts	70
Fine arts	23
General Literature	223
Poetry	47
Fiction	1528
Juvenile Literature	1473
History	383
Total	3757

Received from fines. $9.22

On motion the Committee on Rooms

were authorized to look into the matter of Hat-rack accomodations with power to act. On motion the Librarian was authorized to send books to Ward Brothers for binding. On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, Feby. 6. 1900.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Mr Johnson was elected President Pro. Tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	36.55
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
Kramer & Bleuer.	15.25
Union Printing Co.	1.75
Franklin Square Bible House.	4.50
Rock Island Stair Works.	3.80
Democrat Co.	10.00
J. W. Stewart	.60
A. C. McClurg & Co.	25.89
Rock Island Argus	9.90
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Lenz	15.00
	$ 306.82

The Librarian's report for the month ending January 31st was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	22
Social science.	22
Science & Useful arts	77
Fine Arts	27
General Literature	225
Poetry	63
Fiction	1779
Juvenile literature	1608
History.	407
Total	4230

Received from fines. $7.65
On motion the Librarian was authorized to represent the Library at the State Library Association meeting at East St Louis. Feby 21.-23d
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. March 1. 1900.

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. The Committee on Building reported it necessary to secure options on suitable properties for site, and on motion it was unanimously voted that the Committee be authorized to expend one hundred dollars ($100.00) for this purpose if necessary.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, March 6, 1900
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous regular and special meetings read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Kramer & Co.	3.50
Houghton & Mifflin	4.50
W. B. Harrison	60
McCabe & Co	34
Consolidated Ice Co.	525
J. M. Buford.	10.50
R. A. Donaldson	10 50
Hayes & Cleaveland.	26.25
Union Printing Co.	3 50
Miss Fannie Cleland	4 50
Ellen Gale	24 60
People's Power Co.	26 67
Ellen Gale	70 00
Harriet O. Carter	50 00
Mrs Mary Leny	15 00
	314.04

The Librarian's report for the month ending February 28th was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	36
Social science.	27
Science & Useful arts	61
Fine arts	22
General literature	272
Poetry.	61
Fiction	1716
Juvenile Literature	1509
History	397
Total	4101

purchase of present site.

Received from fines $5.42

The Special Committee on new Library Building reported as follows:

The special Committee appointed on new Library Building report that they have secured from M. M. Sturgeon a proposion and contract for the sale to the Board of the North 65 feet of lots 1 & 2 Block 18 in Spencer & Case's addition, at South East corner of 19th Street & Fourth Ave. for Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars. ($5.500.) or all of said lots having a frontage of 120 feet on Fourth Ave. and 150 feet on 19th Street for $8.500 provided the latter proposition be accepted by March 15th inst. which contract we herewith submit for action.

Respectfully submitted

C. S. Walker
Walter Johnson
C. J. Larkin

Said proposition or contract is as follows. towit;

Memorandum of agreement made between M. M. Sturgeon of the first part, of Rock Island, Illinois, and the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library of the said city of Rock Island, of the second part. Witnesseth, that the said M. M. Sturgeon does hereby agree to sell and convey by Warranty deed, free from all incumbrance, to the city of Rock Island, or to such person or corporation as said Board shall direct, the following described tract of land in said city of Rock Island, county of Rock Island and state of Illinois to-wit; The North Sixty five (65) feet of Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Eighteen (18) in Spencer & Case's Addition to said city, for the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars, and also furnish to said Board a complete Abstract of the title to said lots, showing fee simple in him from the U. S. Government. (said Abstract to be furnished within ten days from this date.) On condition however that the members of said Board, who sign this agreement shall perform their agreements as herein expressed.

The undersigned members of said Board of Directors in consideration of the foregoing agreement of said Sturgeon hereby agree that they will vote for the necessary resolutions and promptly have prepared and submit to the city council of said city of Rock Island, the necessary plans for a new Library Building to be erected on said lots, and ask the city council to approve the same, and take the necessary action to authorize said Board to erect such Library Building, and to levy the necessary tax from time to time to pay for the same, in all respects as provided by the statutes of this state, and proceed with the erection thereof as fast as practicable, and that they will use their best endeavor to raise the money to pay for said tracts of land by July 1st. 1900, upon the delivery by said Sturgeon of the above title and deed contemplated as above. And said Sturgeon further hereby agrees to sell all of said lots One (1), and Two (2), to said Board, and deed the same as above provided, for the sum of Eighty Five Hundred dollars provided said Board shall elect to take all of said lots, instead of said north 65 feet, on or before the Tenth day from date hereof A.D. 1900., and pay for the same as above provided.

Witness the hands of said parties this 5th day of March 1900.

C. J. Larkin, Director
Louis Kohn, Director
Walter Johnson, Director.

M. M. Sturgeon
C. L. Walker
Director
John W. Welch
Director

On motion the report of the Committee was approved, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Memorandom of agreement ordered placed on file.

Resolved: That the action of the Special Committee appointed on the new Library Building be approved, and be it further Resolved that it is the judgment of this Board that the property offered us upon which to build a Public Library, at the South East corner of Nineteenth street and Fourth Avenue, by M. M. Sturgeon, for Eighty Five Hundred dollars, and known as Lots One (1), and Two (2), in Block Eighteen (18), in Spencer and Cases Addition to this city, are the most desirable, taking all things into consideration, and we therefore recommend the acceptance of his proposition, and do accept the same so far as we are able: and Resolved further that the President and Secretary of this Board take the necessary steps to have the City Council approve this action of this Board, and purchase said property for such Library purpose.

On motion adjourned to Tuesday, March 13th, 7:30 P. M.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, April 3d. 1900.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	20.18
G. H. Kingsbury	1.10
Ellen Gale.	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Lenz.	15.00
	214.61

The Librarian's report for the month ending March 31st. was read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation.

Philosophy & Religion	32
Social science	55
Science & Useful arts.	70
Fine arts	13
General literature.	386
Poetry	84
Fiction.	2180
Juvenile Literature.	1971
History.	463
Total.	5254

Received from fines. $7.03
The Committee appointed at last meeting to present our action in regard to selection of site for Library Building reported having performed their duty, and that the City Council unanimously

voted to approve of the same.
On motion adjourned to Saturday
April 7th at 7.30 p.m. J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, April 7th. 1900.
Adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee appointed to consider the matter of erecting a Public Library Building made the following report, which on motion (was) unanimously adopted, was received and ordered spread the records of this board of Trust. on minutes.

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, Special Committee, appointed by you to consider the matter of erecting a Public Library Building for this city respectfully report, that pursuant to the power and authority granted to them by you, your Committee employed Messrs Drack & Kerns, Architects of said city, to prepare plans for such proposed Library Building, and an estimate of the cost of said Building and improvement in accordance with your suggestions and herewith submit such plans together with such estimates of the total cost thereof.

Your Committee further report that from said estimate it appears that the total estimated cost of such building and improvement is Seventy Thousand dollars, and they recommend that the collection of the money, by taxation, to pay such total cost be spread over a period of seven years.

Rock Island, Illinois April 7th. 1900.
Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directos of the Rock Island Public Library. Present Directors C. S. Walker, J. W. Welch, Walter Johnson, C. W. Foss, C. Liebig J. H. Kerr. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of erecting a Public Library Building made the following report, which on motion was received, and unanimously adopted, and ordered spread on the Record of this Board;, to wit.

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Gentlemen;

The undersigned, Special Committee appointed by you to consider the matter of erecting a Public Library Building for this city, respectfully report, that pursuant to the power and authority granted to them by you, your Committee employed Messrs. Drack & Kerns, Architects of said city, to prepare plans for such proposed Library Building, and an estimate of the cost of said Building and improvement in accordance with your suggestions, and herewith submit such plans together with such estimate of total cost there of. Your Committee further report that from said estimate it appears that the total estimated cost of such Building and improvement is Seventy Thousand dollars. and they recommend that the collection of the money, by taxation, to pay such total cost be spread over a period of seven years.

Respectfully submitted.
Chas. L. Walker
Walter Johnson

And on motion the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted; to-wit.

Whereas, this Board has for some time been considering the propriety of the erection of a new Library building improvement in this city as authorized and empowered by the Statutes of the state of Illinois, and to that end has secured lots upon which to erect the same, and Whereas, its Special committee, heretofore appointed, have caused plans of such building to be prepared with an estimate of the total cost thereof, and have made their report in writing to this Board submitting said plans and estimate of such total cost of such building, together with the recommendation as to the number of years over which the collection of said costs shall be spread; Therefore be it Resolved That the report of said Committee be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and that this Board does hereby determine to erect such Library building and improvement to be used for library purposes, and to promptly begin to accumulate a fund for the erection thereof, and payment therefor; and has caused such plan of such building to be prepared, and said estimate of the cost of such building improvement to be made, which plans and estimate are hereby approved and declared to be the preliminary plans for such building, as contemplated by the Statute, and the estimate of this Board of the cost of such building improvement, and Be it Further Resolved and determined that this Board will spread the collection of such cost over a period of seven 7, years,

Be it Further Resolved that a record of this proceeding of this Board be made in the records of this Board, and a copy thereof transmitted to the city Council of the city of Rock Island for its approval, by the President and Secretary of this Board.

On motion adjourned to meet on Monday evening, April 9th, at eight o'clock at the City Clerk's office.

J. W. Welch,
Secretary.

Rock Island. Illinois. May 1. 1900.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. W. Johnson was elected President pro. tem. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	21 53
Helman Taylor Co.	5 00
Ward Brothers	136 52
R. R. Bowker.	3 50
Library Bureau	1 03
A. C Mc Clurg & Co.	12 27
Expenses	4 86
Drack & Kerns	30 00
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50 00
Mrs Mary Lenz	15 00
	408.04

The Librarians report for the month ending April 30th was read and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation.

Philosophy & religion	33
Social Science	32
Science & Useful Arts	39
Fine arts	9.
General Literature	305
Poetry	60
Fiction	1.665
Juvenile Literature	1.388
History	334
Total	3.865

Received from fines	$5.25	
" Membership fee	1 00	$6.29

/ The President and Secretary who were directed to present the action of this Board to the City Council for approval, submit their written report that they had performed their duty, and that the City Council on a yea and nay vote, had unanimously approved of the action of this Board in relation to the new Library Building, said report was on motion unanimously approved, and ordered entered at length upon the Record of this Board, which report is as follows, viz:

Rock Island, Ills. May 1. 1900

To the Board of Directors of the
Rock Island Public Library:-

The undersigned, President and Secretary of the Rock Island Public Library respectfully report that pursuant to a resolution of this Board, duly passed at its last adjourned regular meeting, held on April 7th, A.D. 1900, they reported to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Island, at length, the action of your Honorable Board in relation to the erection of a new Public Library Building in this city, which report, including a copy of the report of the Special Committee, with the plans and an estimate of such cost, together with the action of this Board thereon, and the determination to spread the collection there of over a period of seven (7) years: that said report was duly read before said

Mayor and City Council, at the regular adjourned meeting thereof, held on April 9th. A.D. 1900, and a resolution passed by said City Council approving the action of your Honorable Board, in all respects.

The undersigned further report that the following is a certified copy of the proceedings of said City Council.

Rock Island, Illinois, April 9th 1900.

City Council Chamber.

The City Council met in adjourned regular session at 8 O'clock P.M., Mayor Mc Conochie presiding, and all the aldermen present.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which were approved.

Ald. Aster read a report of the Public Library Board on the proposed Public Library building showing an estimated cost of $70.000.00, and recommending that the tax to raise this fund be spread over a period of seven years.

Ald. Aster thereupon offered the following resolution.

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the public library of this City have determined to erect a building to be used for such library as soon as practicable, and to purchase a lot upon which to erect the same, and to proceed to accumulate a fund to pay therefor, and have caused a plan of such proposed building to be prepared, an estimate to be be made of such total cost, which as so estimated amounts to

Seventy Thousand (70,000) Dollars, and have determined to spread the collection of the money necessary therefore over a period of seven (7) years, and

Whereas, said Board of Directors have duly made and entered in its records a record of their said proceedings, and have duly transmitted a copy thereof to this City Council for its approval, in all respects as required by the statute of this state, and

Whereas, this City Council has duly considered the same and said purpose, plan and scheme, and the action of said Board of Directors:

Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Rock Island, That this City Council hereby fully approves the said purpose, plans and scheme and the action of the Board of Directors of the Public Library of this city, as heretofore reported to this Council, for the construction of a new Public Library Building in said City in all respects, and it hereby authorizes and directs the said Board of Directors to take such action as may be proper and necessary for the safe and proper erection of a Library building upon said lots as soon as practicable, and that the money necessary for the purpose aforesaid shall be raised by taxation upon the property of said City, as provided by law, for said period of seven (7) years.

Ald. Aster moved that resolution be adopted as read.
Ayes. Ald. Beck. Concannon, Johnson, Heideman, Winter, Freed, Aster. Willis, Wheelan, Pender, Elwell Gall, Lawhead, Soderstrom, – Unanimous.

State of Illinois
Rock Island County }

I, Henry C Schaffer, City Clerk and keeper of the papers, entries, records and ordinances of the City of Rock Island, in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing record is a true and correct copy of the official proceedings had at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the city of Rock Island, held on the ninth day of April A.D. 1900., from the official records on file in the City Clerk's office.

H. C Schaffer.
Seal City Clerk.

The undersigned further reports that the names of the officers of this city who are entitled to the thanks of this Board, and of the citizens generally, for their favorable action in advancing the interests of us all, with constituency they respectively represent, are as follows, viz:

Mayor, Hon. William McConochie
City Clerk, Hon. H. C. Schaffer.
Alderman Hon. Robert Beck, First Ward
" Hon Michael Concannon "
" Hon. Albert Johnson. Second Ward
" Hon Charles Heidmann " " -

Alderman Hon. Basilius Winter Third Ward
" Hon. John O Freed. " "
" Hon. George W. Aster. Fourth Ward
" Hon. Charles Willis " "
" Hon. Thomas A. Pender. Fifth Ward
" Hon. Henry S. Wheelan " "
" Hon. Fred Gall Sixth Ward
" Hon. Harry Elwell " "
" Hon. John Sawhead Seventh Ward
" Hon. Andrew Soderstrom " "

The undersigned therefore ask that their action in the premises be by this Board ratified and confirmed; that the sincere thanks of this Board be expressed to the above named city officials for their vote and approval of the action of this Board; by the approval of this report and entered of record in the records of this Board, and that this report, together with the action of this Board hereon, be spread at length upon such records.

Respectfully submitted.
Chas. S. Walker,
President.
John W. Welch.
Secretary.

The Committee on Rooms were authorized to have the awnings for windows repaired and placed in position. On motion adjourned

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 5th. 1900.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. The meeting was duly called to order by President Walker.

There being no quorum present, on motion the meeting was duly adjourned to Tuesday evening, June 12th, at 7.30 P.M.

C. S. Walker.
Prest.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 12, 1900

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Present C. L. Walker. L. Kohn. C. J. Larkin J. H. Kerr. C. Fiebig. J. W. Welch. A. DeSoland

Minutes of meetings of May 1st and June 5th read and approved.

The Book Committee reported that sometimes our books are in the hands of patrons in families where contageous diseases prevail and recommended that the Health officer of the city be requested to report to the Librarian all cases of contageous diseases as soon as ascertained, and that the Librarian arrange to have any books of the Library in possession of persons coming in contact with persons so afflicted burned

On motion the recommendation was concurred in.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read approved, allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
C Ehlers	18.00
Eddy & Stroehle	16.00
Rock Island Union	12.35
McCabe & Co.	1.00
Kate Spear.	2.50
Hayes & Cleaveland	5.25
L. F. Johnson	5.25
George Wagner	10.50
R. Crampton	80
H. L. Schill	10.50
Consolidated Ice Co	5.25
	145.73

of $70,000.–

145.73

Kramer & Co.	.50
Peoples Power Co.	19.38
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50^{00}
Mrs Sinz	15.00
	300.61

The Bill of George Wagner was referred to the Secretary to investigate, and if found correct allowed, and orded added to above bills.

The Librarian's report for month ending May 31st, was read, and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation

Philosophy & religion	20
Social science	24
Science & Useful arts	56
Fine arts	4
General Literature	261
Poetry	52
Fiction	1424
Juvenile Literature	1192
History	236
Total	3,269

Received from fines $11.36.

Director Kohn offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, This Board has, by due and proper action, heretofore, determined to erect a new Public Library Building in the city of Rock Island, and to accumulate a fund necessary to pay therefor, has caused a plan of such building to be prepaired and an estimate to be made of its cost, which estimate is Seventy thousand (70.000) dollars, has determined to spread the collection of such cost over a period of seven (7) years, and has made a record of the said proceedings and transmitted a copy thereof to the City council of this city, for its approval, in all respects as required by law. and Whereas, Said City Council has approved the action of this Board in all respects as required by law, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the collection of said Seventy thousand (70.000) dollars be divided among said years, as follows,-

Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1900:
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1901;
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1902;
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1903;
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1904;
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in the year 1905;
Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars in and the year 1906;

Memorandum.-

Total assessed valuation of property in the city of Rock Island as equalized for the year 1900, was $2,441.020.00.

Director Kerr then offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the amount of Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars heretofore apportioned by this Board to be raised in the year 1900, for the accumulation of a fund for the new Public Library Building is required, and that the same be certified by this Board to the City Council of the city of Rock Island as the amount so required by this Board for the purpose aforesaid, to be levied upon the property of said City of Rock Island as provided by law. And the said City Council is hereby requested to include the same in its annual appropriation ordinance for the year 1900, and in its ordinance for the levy of taxes for said year, as a special tax for a new Public Library Building, as provided by the Statute, in addition to the annual tax to be levied by said City Council for General Public Library purposes, and Be it Further Resolved that the President and Secretary of this Board, be and they are hereby directed to execute and transmit to said City Council a certificate for the levy of said tax, as provided by law.

The Secretary reported having presented the following annual report to the City Council, and on motion the report was approved, and ordered placed of the records of this Board.

The election of officers for ensuing year resulted in the unanimous reelection of
C. L. Walker, President and
J. W. Welch, Secretary.

On motion adjourned,

J. W. Welch, Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor
and City Council of the City of Rock Island. Ills

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1st 1900. as per appended exhibits and would especially call attention to the very complete and carefully prepared report of the Librarian, designated Exhibit F. which shows the condition of the Library and details of work done and the necessity of increased facilities to meet the growing demands which we are assured of having by the favorable action of your Honorable Body towards furnishing the Library a Home of its own.

Index of reports.

Exhibit	A	shows	Receipts.
"	B	"	Expenditures.
"	C	"	Report of Treasurer.
"	D	"	Condensed report of finances
"	E	"	Names of Directors and expiration of term of office.
"	F	"	Librarian's report to Board of condition of Library.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John W. Welch. Secy

On this 4th day of June 1900 personally appeared before me the undersigned John W. Welch who on oath stated the foregoing with exhibits attached to be true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

B. D. Connelly
Notary Public
Rock Island County, Illinois.

a.

Statement of Receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1st 1900.

1899				
May	1	By Balance	83	57
July	6	" Miss Gale	9	28
Aug.	25	" Tax	1000	
Oct.	3	" "	500	
"	30	" Miss Gale	21	63
Dec.	14	" Tax	500	
1900				
Febry.	6	" Miss Gale	28	80
Apl.	14	" Tax	1826	11
May	1	" Miss Gale	18	74
"	29	" " "	11	36
			3999	49

B.

Statement of expenses of the
Rock Island Public Library
for the year ending June 1st 1900.

1899			Library No.	City No	
June	1	To Ellen Gale. Salary May	2645	1542	70.00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter. " "	2646	1543	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff. " "	2647	1544	15 00
	6	" People's Power Co. Light	2648	1549	14 39
	6	" Kramer & Co. Binding	2649	1560	3 50
	6	" R. Crampton & Co. Supplies	2650	1572	95
July	1	" Ellen Gale Salary June	2651	1546	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2652	1547	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2653	1548	15 00
Aug.	1	" Ellen Gale Salary July.	2654	1550	70 00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2655	1551	50 00
	1	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2656	1552	15 00
	2	" Katharine Gest " "	2657	1553	20 00
	2	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent.	2658	1559	116 66
	2	" People's Power Co. Light	2659	1575	10 10
	2	" Schaffer Bleuer & Schlemmer	2660	1555	5 00
	2	" Helman-Taylor Co. Index	2661	1556	5 00
	2	" David Don Supplies	2662	1645	1 40
	2	" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2663	1557	10 75
	2	" Eddy & Stroehle. Newspapers	2664	1558	16 00
	2	" G. L. Quist. Insurance	2665	1561	5 25
	2	" Allen Myers & Co. Repairing	2666	1570	30
Sept	2	" Ellen Gale. Salary Aug.	2667	1562	70 00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2668	1563	50 00
	2	" Augusta Kolloff " "	2669	1564	15 00
	5	" Katharine Gest " "	2670	1566	20 00
	5	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2671	1573	58 33
	5	" Kate Spear	2672	1567	2 50
	5	" Dillon Clark & Co. Books	2673	1565	38 00
	5	" D. Appleton & Co. Book	2674	1568	6 00
		Forwarded			874 13

B.

			Library No.	City No.		
		Brought forward			874.	13
Sept.	5	To A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2675	1569	7	95
	5	" Consolidated Ice Co.	2676	1571	5	25
	5	" People's Power Co. Light	2677	1576	24	07
	5	" Union Printing Co. Printing	2678	1583	1	75
		" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books.	2679	1574	123	80
Oct.	3	" Ellen Gale Salary Sept.	2680	1577	70	00
	3	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2681	1578	50	00
	3	" Mary Lenz " "	2682	1579	15	00
	3	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2683	1584	58	33
	3	" Eddy & Stroehle Newspaper	2684	1594	4	00
	3	" McCabe & Co. Dust cloth	2685	1588	1	86
	3	" R. Crampton & Co. Supplies	2686	1616	1	35
	3	" Kramer & Co. Supplies	2687	1582	11	10
	3	" Library Bureau Supplies	2688	1580	2	40
	3	" R. I. Stair Co. Book Case & work	2689	1593	32	45
	3	" People's Power Co. Light	2690	1589	12	21
	3	" Augusta Kolloff. Salary	2691	1581	3	50
Nov.	3	" Ellen Gale Salary Oct.	2692	1585	70	00
	3	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2693	1586	50	00
	3	" Mary Lenz " "	2694	1587	15	00
	7	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2695	1592	58	33
	7	" People's Power Co. Light	2696	1590	34	74
	7	" Union Printing Co.	2697	1607	3	00
	7	" Ellen Gale. Expenses S & O.	2698	1595	3	05
	7	" Consolidated Ice Co.	2699	1591	5	25
	7	" Davis Co. Taper torch	2700	1646		50
	7	" J. W. Stewart Door check	2701	1605	1	50
	24	" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2702	1596	118	08
Dec.	5	" Ellen Gale. Salary Nov.	2703	1597	70	00
	5	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2704	1598	50	00
	5	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2706	1604	58	33
	5	" Mary Lenz. Salary Nov.	2705	1599	15	00
	5	" Library Bureau	2707	1600	25	60
		" W. B. Harrison	2708	1601		60
		Forward			1878.	13

B

			Library No.	City No.		
	1899	Brought forward			1878	13
Dec.	5	To Kramer & Co. Supplies	2709	1606	10	35
	5	" Ellen Gale Expenses Nov.	2710	1602	1	50
	5	" R. Crampton & Co Supplies	2711	1617	1	80
	5	" Hess Brothers	2712	1623		65
	8	" Kenyon News Co. Periodicals	2713	1603	151	35
	27	" A.C. McClurg & Co. Books.	2714	1608	72	01
Jany	1900 2	" Ellen Gale Salary Dec.	2715	1609	70	00
	2	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2716	1610	50	00
	2	" Mary Lenz " "	2717	1611	15	00
	5	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2718	1618	58	33
	5	" Peoples Power Co Light	2719	1626	64	02
	5	" Ward Brothers Binding	2720	1612	150	41
	5	" J. A. Burlingame Books	2721	1613	15	20
	5	" Houghton Mifflin & Co. "	2722	1614	25	75
	5	" Ellen Gale. Expenses Dec.	2723	1615	4	88
Feby	6	" Ellen Gale Salary Jany.	2724	1619	70	00
	6	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2725	1620	50	00
	6	" Mary Lenz " "	2726	1621	15	00
	6	" A.C. McClurg & Co Books	2727	1622	25	89
	6	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2728	1629	58	33
	6	" Peoples Power Co. Light	2729	1627	36	55
	6	" Consolidated Ice Co.	2730	1630	5	25
	6	" Kramer & Co. Supplies	2731	1628	15	25
	6	" Union Printing Co.	2732	1638	1	75
	6	" Franklin Square Bible House	2733	1624	4	50
	6	" R.I. Stair Works. Hat rack &c	2734	1635	3	80
	6	" Democrat Co. 2yr Subscription	2735	1625	10	00
	6	" J. W. Stewart. Hatchet	2736	1634		60
	6	" R.I. Argus. Subscription	2737	1636	9	90
Mch	1	" Ellen Gale. Salary Feby	2738	1631	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2739	1632	50	00
	1	" Mary Lenz " "	2740	1633	15	00
	6	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2741	1642	58	33
	6	" Kramer & Co. Binding.	2742	1641	3	50
		Forward			3073	03

B

	1900	Brought forward	Library No.	City No.	3073	.03
March	6	To Houghton Mifflin & Co. Books	2743	1647	4	50
	6	" W. B. Harrison Books.	2744	1650		60
	6	" McCabe & Co. Supplies.	2745	1654		34
	6	" Consolidated Ice Co.	2746	1643	5	25
	6	" J. M. Buford Insurance	2747	1640	10	50
	6	" R. A. Donaldson "	2748	1673	10	50
	6	" Hayes & Cleaveland "	2749	1649	26	25
	6	" Union Printing Co. Printing	2750	1644	3	50
	6	" Miss Fannie Cleland Assistant.	2751	1637	4	50
	6	" Ellen Gale Expenses to E. St. L.	2752	1648	24	60
	6	" Peoples Power Co. Light.	2753	1639	26	67
April	3	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent.	2754	1656	58	33
	3	" People's Power Co. Light.	2755	1668	20	18
	3	" G. H. Kingsbury. Supplies	2756	1655	1	10
	3	" Ellen Gale Salary March	2757	1651	70	00
	3	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2758	1652	50	00
	3	" Mary Lenz " "	2759	1653	15	00
May	1	" Ellen Gale Salary April	2760	1657	70	00
	1	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2761	1658	50	00
	1	" Mary Lenz " "	2762	1659	15	00
	1	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent.	2763	1667	58	33
	1	" People's Power Co. Light.	2764	1669	21	53
	1	" Helman-Taylor Co. Index	2765	1660	5	00
	1	" Ward Brother's Binding.	2766	1664	136	52
	1	" R. R. Bowker Book	2767	1661	3	50
	1	" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2768	1662	12	27
	1	" Ellen Gale Expenses.	2769	1665	4	86
	1	" Drack & Kerns. Plans for buildg	2770	1666	30	00
	1	" Library Bureau. Supplies	2771.	1663	1	03
	31	" Ellen Gale Salary May	2772	1670	70	00
	31	" Harriet O. Carter " "	2773	1671	50	00
	31	" Mary Lenz " "	2774	1672	15	00
					3947	.89

"C."

K. J. Anderson, Treas.

Report for the year ending June 1st 1900

		No.					
June	30	1528	Paid orders		65		
		1532		5	25		
		1540		1	00		
		1541		10	50		
		1542		70	00		
		1543		50	00		
		1544		15	00		
		1545		5	25	157	65
July	31	1546		70	00		
		1547		50	00		
		1548		15	00		
		1549		14	39	149	39
Aug	31	1550		70	00		
		1551		50	00		
		1552		15	00		
		1553		20	00		
		1554		1	85		
		1555		5	00		
		1556		5	00		
		1557		10	75		
		1558		16	00		
		1559		116	66		
		1560		3	50	313	76
Sept.	30	1561		3	25		
		1562		70	00		
		1563		50	00		
		1564		15	00		
		1565		38	00		
		1566		20	00		
		1567		2	50		
		1568		6	00		
		1569		7	95		
		1570			30		
		1571		5	25		
		1572			95		
		1573		58	33		
		1574		123	80		
		1575		10	10		
		1576		24	07	437	50
Oct.	31	1577		70	00		
		1578		50	00		
		1579		15	00		
		1580		2	40		
		1581		3	50		
		1582		11	10		
		1583		1	75		
		1584		58	33		
Nov.	30	1585		70	00		
		1586		50	00		
		1587		15	00		
		1588		1	86		
		1589		12	21		
		1590		39	74		
		1591		5	25		
		1592		58	33	212	08
		1593		32	45		
		1594		4	00		
		1595		3	05		
		1596		118	08	404	97
Dec.	31	1597		70	00		
		1598		50	00		
		1599		15	00		
		1600		25	60		
		1601			60		
		1602		1	50		
		1603		151	35		
		1604		58	33		
		1605		1	50		
		1606		10	35	459	24
		1607		3	00		
	1900	1608		72	01		
Jany	31	1609		70	00		
		1610		50	00		
		1611		15	00		
		1612		150	41		
		1613		15	20		
		1614		25	75		
		1616		1	35		
		1617		1	80		
		1618		58	33	387	84
			Forwarded	2522	43	2522	43

		No.	Forwarded	2522.43	2522 43	Forwarded 3999.49
Feb.	28	1615	Paid orders	4 88		
		1619		70 00		
		1620		50 00		
		1621		15 00		
		1622		25 89		
		1623		65		
		1624		4 50		
		1625		10		
		1626		64 02		
		1627		36 55		
		1628		15 25		
		1629		58 33	355 07	
Mch.	31	1630		5 25		
		1631		70 00		
		1632		50 00		
		1633		15 00		
		1634		60		
		1635		3 80		
		1636		9 90		
		1637		4 50	270 95	
		1638		1 75		
		1639		26 67		
		1640		10 50		
		1641		3 50		
		1642		58 33		
		1643		5 25		
		1645		1 40		
		1647		4 50		
Apr.	30	1644		3 50		
				50		
		1646		24 60		
		1648		26 25		
		1649		60		
		1650		70 00		
		1651		50 00		
		1652		15 00		
		1653		34		
		1654		1 10		
		1655		58 33	250 22	
		1656				
May	31	1657		70 00		
		1658		50 00		
		1659		15 00		
		1660		5 00		
		1661		3 50		
		1662		12 27		
		1663		1 03		
		1664		136 52		
		1665		4 86		
		1666		30 00		
		1667		58 33		
		1668		20 18		
		1669		21 53		
		1670		70 00		
		1671		50 00		
		1672		15 00		
		1673		10 50	573 72	
	31		To Balance		27 10	
					3999.49	1900 3999.49
						May 31 27 10

1899			
May	31	By Balance	83 57
July	6	" Miss Gale	9 28
Aug.	25	" Transfer from Gen. Fund	10 00
Oct.	3	" " " " "	5 00
	30	" Miss Gale	21 63
Dec.	14	" Transfer from Gen. Fund	5 00
Feb.	6	" Miss Gale	28 80
Apr.	14	" Transfer from Gen. Fund	1826 11
May	1	" Miss Gale	18 74
	29	" " "	11 36
			3999.49

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Report of the Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1900

Total receipts per schedule "A"	399949	
Total expenditures per schedule "B"		3947.89
Orders issued by the Library Board but not presented for presented for payment until this year $\frac{1528}{\#2625}$ .65 $\frac{1545}{\#2634}$ \$5.25 $\frac{1532}{\#2640}$ \$5.25 $\frac{1541}{\#2642}$ \$10.50 $\frac{1540}{\#2643}$ \$1.00 $\frac{1558}{\#2378}$ \$1.85		24.50
Balance June 1. 1900		27.10
	3999.49	3999.49

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Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and time when their terms of office will expire.

C. L. Walker	July 1900
C. W. Foss	" "
C. W. Durham	" "
C. J. Larkin	July 1901
J. H. Kerr	" "
Louis Kohn	" "
Walter Johnson	July 1902
J. W. Welch	" "
C. Fiebig	" "

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Librarian's Report.

Rock Island. Illinois June 1.1900.

To the Board of Directors of the
Rock Island Public Library.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the work of the library for the year ending May 31st. 1900.

For detailed statistics I refer to the tabulated statements appended.

Accessions.

The number of volumes reported in the library last year was 13.896. During the year 632 volumes have been added. Deducting 266 volumes worn out and withdrawn, or lost and paid for, the number in the Library at this date is 14.262.

Circulation.

During the year 44.158 volumes have been circulated from the Library, an average monthly circulation of 3.679 volumes.

The largest circulation of any month was 5.254 volumes in March.1900

The largest circulation of any one day was 428 volumes, March 17.

Reference Department.

There are at the present time 1.158 volumes on the shelves in the Reference department, to which visitors have unrestricted access. No attempt is made to keep a record of the use of books in this department: but from time to time some statistics have been kept, showing an estimated use of 10.780 volumes annually

Children's Department.

In October 1899 the books of the Juvenile Department were removed from the stacks and placed on shelves in a corner of the reading-room. where the children have free access to them. A book-case containing 1.040 volumes. a table. a few chairs for their especial use. constitutes the equipment for the children's department. During the year 15.481 volumes were circulated from this department, an increase of two thousand volumes over any previous year The experiment has rendered more apparent the need of an especial room for children. made attractive with well selected books magazines and pictures, where more individual help and direction may be given to children in the selection of books.

Cataloguing

During the year the 632 volumes added to the library have been accessioned. shelflisted and catalogued. In addition subject cards have been written for the entire collection of Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Useful Arts. Fine Arts and Biography. About four thousand volumes in all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Gale Librarian

Accessions

Number of volumes in the Library June 1st 1899	13 896
Number added by purchase	504
Number added by gift	128
Number worn out and withdrawn	258
Number lost and paid for	4
Number missing at May inventory	2
Number drawn by card-holder and not returned	2
Number of volumes in the Library June 1st 1900	14 262

Books in Library according to classification.

General works	1 852
Philosophy	147
Religion	337
Social Science	523
Philology	43
Natural Science	710
Useful Arts	200
Literature	1 028
Fiction	3 232
History	1 065
Travel	723
Biography	1 237
Juvenile literature	1 061
Government Documents	1 943
Fine Arts	161
Total	14 262

Circulation by month according to classification.

	Philosophy & Religion	Social Science	Science & Useful Arts	Fine Arts	General Literature	Poetry	Fiction	Juvenile Literature	History.	Total
June 1899	26	17	45	24	179	76	1545	918	206	3.036
July "	28	18	42	3	188	99	1596	798	189	2.961
August "	23	13	38	5	191	75	1531	706	146	2.728
September "	18	20	31	10	199	77	1486	816	207	2864
October "	29	24	58	18	235	52	1575	1488	432	3.911
November "	44	25	68	15	293	85	1547	1620	485	4.182
December "	38	22	70	23	223	47	1528	1473	333	3.757
Jany. 1900	22	22	77	27	225	63	1779	1608	407	4.230
Feby. "	36	27	61	22	272	61	1716	1509	397	4.101
March "	32	55	70	13	386	84	2180	1971	463	5.254
April "	33	32	39	9	305	60	1665	1388	334	3.865
May "	20	24	56	4	261	52	1424	1192	236	3.269
Total	349.	299.	655.	173	2957.	831	19572	15487	3835.	44.158

Circulation by Classes		Per-cent
Philosophy & Religion	349	.79
Social Science	299	.68
Science & Useful Arts	655	1.48
Fine Arts	173	.39
General Literature	2957	6.69
Poetry	831	1.88
Fiction	19572	44.33
Juvenile Literature	15487	35.07
History	3855	8.69
Total	44158	100.00

Total number of volumes issued during the year. 44,158

Average monthly issue. 3 679

Number of days the Library has been open during the year. 308

Periodicals

Number of periodicals and newspapers subscribed for	43
Number received by gift	3
Number of duplicate magazines in circulation	23
Total number received	69

Binding

Number of volumes rebound	476
Number of volumes newly bound	50
Total number bound	526

List of periodicals received at the
Rock Island Public Library 1899-1900.

Atlantic Monthly.
Book Buyer.
Century.
Forum.
Cosmopolitan.
Scribner's Monthly.
Harper's Monthly.
Living Age.
Popular Science Monthly.
North American Review.
New England Magazine.
Munsey's Magazine.
St. Nicholas.
Bookman.
Political Science Quarterly.
Library Journal.
Public Libraries.
Review of Reviews.
McClure's Magazine.
Lippincotts Magazine.
Critic.
Nation.
Publisher's Weekly.
Leslie's Illustrated News.
Harper's Weekly.
Harper's Bazar.
Scientific American & Supp.
" " Builder's Edition
Puck.
Judge.
Literary World.
Youth's Companion.
American Architect.
Ladies Home Journal.
Christian Science Sentinal.
Chicago Tribune
Chicago Times. Herald.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.
Chicago Chronicle.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
Rock Island Daily Union.
Rock Island Argus.
Davenport Democrat.

Statement of fines etc received
by Ellen Gale. Librarian, and
deposited with City Treasurer
during the year ending June 1st. 1900.

June	1899	By Fines	9 28
July	"	" "	7 40
	"	" Membership	1 00
Aug	"	" Fines	4 65
	"	" Membership	1 00
Sept	"	" Fines	6 58
	"	" Membership	1 00
Oct	"	" Fines	5 01
	"	" Membership	1 00
Nov.	"	" Fines	5 92
Dec.	"	" Fines	9 22
Jany.	1900	" Fines	7 65
Feby.	"	" Fines	5 42
Mch.	"	" Fines	6 03
	"	" Membership	1 00
Apl.	"	" Fines	5 29
	"	" Membership	1 00
May	"	" Fines.	11 36

	1899				
July	6	Deposited with City Treasurer			9 28
Oct	31	"	"		21 63
	1900				
Feby	6	"	"		28 80
May	1	"	"		18 74
	29	"	"		11 36
				89 81	89 81

Rock Island, Illinois July 3d. 1900

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion A. De Soland was elected President Pro. tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	13 35
Kramer & Co	11 50
Funk & Wagnalls	17 00
A. C McClurg & Co.	36 81
G. L. Quist	5 25
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Mary Lenz	15.00
	277.24

The Librarians report for the month ending June 30th was read, and on motion ordered placed on file

Circulation

General works	168
Philosophy	12
Religion	17
Sociology	23
Natural Science.	21
Useful arts	9
Fine arts	4
Literature	39
History	134
Fiction	1471
Juvenile Literature	1099
Total	2997
Reference	420
Total	3417

Received from fines $7.30
" Membership fees 4.00 $11.30

The Secretary reported having investigated the bill of George Wagner Jr. referred to him at last meeting and found the same correct.

The President and Secretary reported having certified tax levy to City Council as follows.

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

The undersigned respectfully report that pursuant to the direction of your Board, the undersigned on the 14th day of June A.D. 1900 delivered to the City Clerk of said city of Rock Island the following statement, resolution and certificate for the levy of a tax for Ten thousand dollars for the accumulation of a fund for the new Public Library building.

Respectfully submitted for approval.

John W. Welch. Charles L. Walker.
Secretary. President.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the city of Rock Island, in the county of Rock Island and state of Illinois.

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library of said city of Rock Island, respectfully report to your Honorable Body that said Board at its regular meeting for the month of June, held in adjourned session, at the Library rooms, on the twelfth (12) day of June A.D. 1900, took the action required by the statutes of this state, for the levy and collection of a special tax for the accumulation of a fund to pay the cost of the erection of a new Library building, heretofore unanimously approved by your Honorable body, and to enable it to carry out its contract entered into pursuant to the power given it by your Honorable body, and then and there at said adjourned regular meeting, at which a large majority of the members of said Board were present, duly passed by unanimous vote a resolution of which the following is a true copy, to-witt:

Resolved that the amount of Ten thousand (10.000.) dollars heretofore apportioned by this Board to be raised in the year 1900, for the accumulation of a fund for the new Public Library Building is required, and that the same be certified by this Board to the City Council of the City of Rock Island as the amount so required by this Board for the purpose aforesaid, to be levied upon the property of said city of Rock Island as provided by law.

And the said City Council is hereby requested to include the same in it's annual appropriation ordinance for the year 1900, and in its ordinance for the levy of taxes for said year, as a special tax for a new Public Library Building as provided by the Statute, in addition to the annual tax to be levied by said City Council for General Public Library purposes, and Be it Further Resolved that the

President and Secretary of this Board, be and they are hereby directed to execute and transmit to said City Council a cirtificate for the levy of said tax, as provided by law.

We the undersigned President and Secretary of said Board of Directors of the said Rock Island Public Library hereby certify that the forgoing statement of facts is true, and that the foregoing is a true copy of the "Resolution" passed by said Board at its regular meeting for the month of June, in adjourned session on June 12th. 1900.
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of June A.D. 1900.
Charles L. Walker.
President of said Board.

John W. Welch.
Secretary

To the Honorable City Council of the city of Rock Island, county of Rock Island and state of Illinois

The undersigned Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library of said city of Rock Island, hereby certifies that it requires the sum of Ten-thousand (10.000) Dollars to be levied as a special tax for the accumulation of a fund for the erection of a new Public Library building in said city, upon the taxable property of said city. Said amount being one of the parts into which the total estmated cost of said building has been divided by said Board of Directors, as required by the statutes of this state, in due form.

And it further certifiest that said amount must be included in the annual appropriation ordinance, and also in the ordinance for the levy of taxes for the year A.D. 1900, required to be passed by your Honorable body, by the statutes of this state.

In testomy whereof, this said Board of Directors have, and does hereby execute this certificate in due form, this 13th day of June A.D. 1900.

Board of Directors of the
Rock Island Public Library
By Charles L. Walker.
its President.

Attest.
John W. Welch.
Secretary.

The undersigned also take pleasure in reporting that the city Council at its adjourned regular meeting held on June 26th. inst. unanimously placed said amount of $10.000.00 in the annual appropriation ordinance for the year 1900.

Respectfully submitted.
Charles L. Walker.
President.

John W. Welch.
Secretary.

The President announced the following Committees for the ensuing year.

Books - J. W. Welch. Walter Johnson & C. W. Foss
Finance. Louis Kohn. C. J. Larkin & J. H. Kerr
Periodicals. Walter Johnson. J. H. Kerr & A. de Soland

over

Rooms. C. J. Larkin. Louis Kohn & Chas Frebig
Rules. C. W. Foss. Chas. Frebig & A. de Soland
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island Illinois. August 7th 1900.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library The Finance committee presented the following bills which were read approved allowed and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
People's Power Co.	9.34
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
Eddy & Stroehle	4.00
Union Printing Co.	1.25
A. C. McClurg	48.05
G. H. Kingsbury	1.64
R. I. Stair Works	4.05
R. Crampton	1.45
Expenses	1.68
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs. Lenz.	15.00
Fanny Cleland	20.00
	290.04

The Librarian's report for the month ending July 31st read and on motion ordered placed on file.

Circulation.

General works	229
Philosophy	5
Religion	10
Sociology	17
Science	21
Useful Arts	12
Fine arts	16
Literature	52
Fiction	1493
Juvenile literature	1018
History	143
Total	3.016
Reference	202
Total	3.218

Received from fines	$ 5.50
Membership	2.00
	$ 7.50

/ On motion, Messrs. Walker, Larkin and Welch were appointed a committee to arrange with Mr. Sturgeon for payment for lot for Library building.

On motion adjourned to Tuesday August 21st at 7.30 P.M.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. August 21. 1900.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. The Committee appointed to confer with Mr Sturgeon to arrange for payment for lot for Library building reported having agreed to assume the payment of the last installment of the paving assessment due in the spring of 1901. And give an order on the Mayor and City Clerk for a Warrant bearing five per cent interest dating from delivery of Deed for lot. payable out of receipts of special tax. when collected. The report was accepted; and the following resolution presented by Mr J. H. Kerr, was unanimously adopted.:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk of the city of Rock Island be requested to execute to M. M. Sturgeon a Warrant for the sum of Eighty-Five Hundred Dollars payable out of the special tax levied for the new Library building in this city. when collected, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, and the same to be delivered to him upon the execution and delivery to this Board of a Warranty Deed conveying to it the premises selected for the site of the new Library, in accordance with his contract.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, September 4, 1900.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous regular, and regular adjourned meetings read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Fannie Cleland	20.00
Mrs Lenz	15.00
	$213.33

The Bill of Ward Brothers, for binding, was presented, but as the books were not received the President and Secretary were authorized to issue an order for payment of the same after examination and approval of the work.

The Librarian's report for the month ending August 31st was read, and ordered placed on file.

Circulation

General works	1.95
Philosophy.	5
Religion	4
Sociology	24
Natural science.	29
Useful arts	21
Fine arts	13
Literature	52
Fiction	1.551
Juvenile literature.	899
History.	97
Total.	2890
Reference	260
Total	3150

Received from fines. $6.36

The Committee to secure the Deed of lot for Library building made the following report which was received and ordered placed on file, and Committee discharged: viz.

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Your Committee appointed to settle with M. M. Sturgeon respectfully report that they have adjusted the entire matter as authorized; that they obtained from the Mayor and City Clerk the order for $8.500. delivered it to Mr Sturgeon and obtained from him a Warranty Deed conveying to the Directors and their sucessors in office the lots purchased. viz:
Lot one (1) and two (2) in Block Eighteen (18) Spencer & Cases addition. and have placed the same upon record; that they have also obtained the Abstracts of Title and placed them in the hands of the Librarian for safe keeping, and that the rent for the month of August has been received by the Librarian.

Respectfully submitted.
C. L. Walker. }
John W. Welch. } Committee

The Committee on Books were authorized to purchase the list of books presented.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secretary.

Rock Island, Illinois. October, 2. 1900
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved, allowed, and, on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
D. Appleton & Co.	6.00
People's Power Co.	40.16
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
R. Crampton	2.20
Kramer & Co.	3.50
Ward Brothers	163.03
Mc Cabe & Co.	.50
A. C. Mc Clure & Co.	95.00
A. C. Mc Clure & Co	19.86
Expenses	5.00
Ellen Gale.	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Lenz	15.00
	533.83

The Librarians report for the month ending September 30th. was read, and on motion placed on file.

Circulation.

General works.	226
Philosophy	11
Religion	12
Sociology.	27
Philology	8
Natural Science	33
Useful arts	28
Fine arts	22
Literature	71
Fiction	1372
Juvenile literature	836
History	213
Total	2859.

over

Reference	2.85
Grand total	31.44

Receipts

Received from fines.	730
" Membership	1.00
" Rent August.	1700
	25.30

On motion the Secretary was authorized to subscribe for the American Catalogue for 1895-1900. The Book Committee presented a list of books, which were approved, and the Librarian authorized to order the same. The Committee on Rooms were authorized on motion to provide additional book case needed. On motion, unanimously carried, the Janitor's salary was placed at Twenty dollars per month beginning October 1st On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. Nov. 6. 1900

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read approved allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58. 33
People's Power Co.	29. 50
J. W. Steward.	3. 75
Library Bureau.	1. 00
J. T. Noftsker ✓	5. 43
A. C. McClurg & Co.	52. 68
Expenses Oct.	1. 27
Ellen Gale.	70. 00
Harriet O. Carter.	50. 00
Mrs Lenz.	20. 00
W. T. Davies ✓	5. 00
	296. 96

The Librarian's report for the month ending October 31st was read and on motion, ordered placed on file.

Circulation.

General works.	217
Philosophy	11
Religion.	27
Sociology.	31
Science.	33
Useful arts.	20
Fine arts.	33
Literature.	1.31
Fiction.	1507
Juvenile literature.	1131
History.	3.06
Total.	3.447
Reference	417
Grand Total.	3.864

Receipts

Fines	$ 6.15
Membership fees	2.00
Rent	17.00
	$ 25.15

Deposited with City Treasurer. $25.15
The Book Committee presented a list of books needed, and on motion, were authorized to purchase same.
On motion the Librarian was ordered to subscribe for Periodicals for ensuing year, and an order authorized drawn in payment of the same.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.
November 13th. 1900.

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library called by President Walker: Due notice having been given to all members of the Board.

The President presented the following communication. and proposition.

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Gentlemen:

After the action taken by this Board for the erection of a new public Library building in this city, and with a view to hasten the erection of such building. I opened correspondence with Mr Frederick Weyerhaeuser, late of this city, regarding our project, and to-day had an extended interview with him concerning the matter; with the result that I have the pleasure of reporting to you that Mr Weyerhaeuser proposes that, if the Board will proceed to erect a fire proof library building upon the lot recently purchased, (which will be an ornament to our city,) with as little delay as possible, he will advance the sum of Fifty thousand. (50,000) dollars to the Board, the same to be paid back to him with five (5) per cent interest out of taxes to be raised, and same to be secured by a mortgage on the property; and when the building is ready he will donate the sum of Ten thousand (10,000) dollars. for the purpose of providing metal book-stacks, furniture, etc. and in ornamenting and beautifying the rooms, and the balance if any, for the purchase of proper library books for the library.

I trust that this very generous offer of Mr. Weyerhaeuser, thus enabling the Board to proceed immediately to take the necessary action for the erection of the new building, will be accepted by this Board with appropriate acknowledgement to Mr. Weyerhaeuser for his generosity, and the requisite action taken to have final plans prepared without delay.

Respectfully submitted.
Chas. L. Walker.

Mr. Walter Johnson moved that the offer be accepted, and offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the members of the Rock Island Public Library Board in accepting a tendered loan of Fifty thousand (50.000) dollars, at five per cent interest from Mr. Frederick Weyerhaeuser for the purpose of expediting the building of a Public Library in this city, and a gift of Ten thousand dollars, for the purchase of metallic book stacks, and articles of furniture and ornament for the building, take pleasure in acknowledging the high value of the aid thus generously offered, which will enable the Board to complete the building before under the ordinary course it could have been started, and to furnish it with becoming elegegance. It is an aid which sweeps away the long period of delay the Directors were prepared to encounter, and enables them to proceed at once to the discharge of this important trust. and complete the building within the first year of the new Twentieth century. Such aid is doubly valuable at this time in that it gives tangible assurance that the efforts of the Library Board to provide more adequate facilities for the dissemination of wholesome reading among the people are appreciated by one whose large and widely varied interests in our midst proclaim him an active friend of Rock Island as well as a public-spirited citizen of the Great Republic.

On motion the following committee was appointed to formulate plan of action to be presented at the next regular meeting.

C. L. Walker.
W. Johnson.
C. J. Larkin.
J. W. Welch.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois, Dec. 4th, 1900

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of last regular and special meeting read, and on motion approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which read approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Kramer & Co.	15.75
A. C. McClurg & Co.	82.47
Kenyon News & Subscription Co.	146.50
Houghton Mifflin & Co.	1.50
People's Power Co.	31.50
Expenses	1.35
McCabe & Co.	1.00
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carler	50.00
Mrs Senz	20.00
	478.40

The Librarian's report for the month ending November 30th, was read and on motion placed on file.

Circulation.

General works	307
Philosophy	7
Religion	16
Sociology.	53
Science	39
Useful arts	23
Fine arts	28
Literature	112
Fiction	1669
Juvenile literature.	1281
History	406
Total.	3941
Reference	790
Grand total.	4731

Receipts and expenditures.

By	Fines	770	
"	Rent	17.00	
To	W. J. Davis		500
"	J. J. Noftsker		5.43
"	Deposited with City Treas		14.27
		$24.70.	$24.70

The Book Committee presented a list of books which on motion, was approved, and their purchase authorized. On motion the President was authorized to procure letter heads of the style and form presented. The letter of Kramer & Co. in regard to binding was read and on motion was referred to the Book Committee for investigation.

The Special Committee on plans for Library Building made the following report.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following plan for obtaining plans and specifications. Terms of Competition of plans for the Rock Island Public Library Building.

First- The city of Rock Island, Ills., proposes to erect a fire-proof Public Library building at a cost, when fully completed and ready for occupancy, including heating, plumbing, electric wiring, gas fitting, sewerage, metal book stacks for 50.000 volumes and Architect's fees, not exceeding $60,000.00.

Second- Prizes will be offered for the three best plans, as follows:- The First prize will be a commission of three per cent of the cost of the building for full plans, complete working drawings,

details, and specifications, to the Architect whose plans may be adopted, but in no event to exceed $1,800.00. to be paid as follows, viz:- 60 per cent when contract for building is entered into, and the balance when the building is completed according to such plans. The Second prize will be $150. in cash, to be paid to the Architect submitting the second best plan.
The Third prize will be $100. in cash to the Architect submitting the third best plan. Provided such Architects be, or shall become, in case the directors shall determine it to be necessary, Licensed Architects in this state.
Third- It is desired to make the competition entirely fair to all who may submit plans, and to aid in this the following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Public Library, by whom the selection will be made.
Fourth- All of the drawings, save those accepted, will be returned to the owners after a selection has been made, except second and third prize plans, which the Board may retain, together with accompanying check, until contract is let, when prize money will be paid.
Fifth- The plans must have no device, motto, name, or identifying mark thereon to indicate by whom prepared or submitted, or if on, must be completely concealed by pasting paper over same, and on both sides of each sheet if impressed thereon; but must be accompanied by the name and address of the Architect enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The plans, with description enclosed must be put up flat, unframed and together with a sealed

envelope, containing the name and post office address of the Architect, covered and sealed, with no identifying mark on the package, and must be addressed in type-writing, and delivered by pre-paid express to Miss Ellen Gale, Librarian, Rock Island, Ill., on or before noon of January 10th, 1901. They will be numbered by her as received, and will be known by their numbers only until selections have been made.

The packages containing plans will be opened at a Board meeting in the presence of the members attending, and the number on the package will then be placed on the enclosures.

The envelopes bearing the numbers winning prizes will be opened at a public meeting of the Board, to be held as soon as practicable after the selections have been made.

Sixth - All drawings submitted shall be made on white paper to a scale of one-fourth (¼) of an inch to the foot. They shall show:

(A.) Floor plan of each story, with names and dimensions of the rooms lettered in each, and the length and breadth stated, as well as square feet.

(B.) An elevation of the entrance front, and also of the north and south elevations.

(C.) A longitudinal and a cross section. The elevations and sections are to be made to the scale mentioned. The elevations are to be drawn in line with India ink, shadows carefully cast. The sections are to be rendered in line only with India ink.

D, One perspective drawing, to the scale mentioned, from a point about 150 feet from nearest angle of building, showing, north and west fronts, to be rendered in India ink, in line only, without shading. No ornamental border shall be placed on any drawing.

The above drawings, and no other, finished as stated, and in no other way, shall be furnished by those competing, and any competitor violating any of these requirements, or not furnishing plans within the time fixed, shall be debarred from the competition.

Seventh – Each set of drawings must be accompanied by explanations and by description of materials to be used. This must be type-written, unsigned, and should not exceed in length five legal cap pages.

Eighth – Each set of drawings must be accompanied by a certified check of some responsible bank for the sum of $1,000.00, payable to John W. Welch, Secretary of the Board of Directors, as a guarantee that the Board of Directors can upon competitive bidding let a contract to a responsible bidder for the erection of the building complete, according to such accompanying plans, specifications and details, within the $60,000.00 limit, and that he will comply with all the requirements herein.

In case such plans are selected by the Board for the building, and upon the bids for the building being received, there is a bid by a responsible bidder for the erection of the building complete as above prescribed, for $60,000.00 or less, the check shall be surrendered to the Architect; but if no such responsible bid is received, or such Architect shall fail to become a licensed Architect as above provided, the check shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Board, as its liquidated and ascertained damages for the loss sustained, including loss of time, and delay occasioned by its inablitity to proceed with the erection of such building according to said plans, etc. The check accompanying all other plans shall be returned to the Architect with the accompanying plans at Rock Island, on request; or forwarded to his Post Office address, at his expense, as the Board shall elect, except as to check accompanying "prize" plans which will be returned as heretofore specified.

Ninth — As many complete "blue print" sets of the plans, details and working drawings as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary, shall be delivered by the successful Architect to the Librarian at Rock Island, Ill., within thirty days from the selection of the plans without expense to the Board, when bids will be called for.

Tenth — As something of a guide, this statement of existing conditions is made;

Rock Island is a city of 20,000 inhabitants.

The building is to be located on the southeast corner of Nineteenth Street and Fourth Avenue (both paved with brick) and is to face

Nineteenth Street, which runs north and south. The lot is level and is 150 feet on Nineteenth Street by 120 feet on Fourth Avenue. On the south end of the lot there is a 20-foot alley, and abutting on the south side of the alley opposite the lot, is a two story frame building.
which fronts west on 19th St;
The sewer is on Nineteenth Street. There
is a street-car line on 19th St

Eleventh - As an indication of what they would like, but not necessarily as a restriction upon the Architects, the Board appends these details of the building, prefacing the matter with the statement that they desire as large and commodious a building as can be obtained for the price fixed, and at the same time a substantial and attractive structure.

Height: Two stories above a high, light basement.

Rooms: Stack Room, at least 25.000 books on first level, with ceiling elevation for another level.

First Floor: Delivery room.
Cataloguer's room.
General reading room.
Librarian's room.
Reference room, or alcove facilities for reference.
Children's room.
Reading room.

Second Floor
Director's room.
An Assembly room.
Two club or meeting rooms.

Basement
Packing room.
Furnace room.
Lavatories and Toilet rooms.

Material: Basement and entire super-structure of Number one (1) Portage Red sandstone, Rain-drop sandstone, Berea sandstone or Bedford Stone or stone equally as good.

The competitor whose plans are accepted must furnish all proper specifications and working drawings within the time above specified: and in case such "working plans or details" shall require explanation, or any controversy shall arise with the Contractors as to the true interpretation thereof, the Architect shall attend on the ground and furnish necessary explanation without extra charge: and no pize will be awarded to the plan of any building which, subject to such minor modifications as the Directors may be willing to have made, will exceed in cost the amount fixed herein.

The Directors reserve, also, the right to reject any and all plans.

In awarding the second and third prizes in order to ascertain the probable cost of constructing a building according to any of the submitted plans, the Board may call in for advice a disinterested Architect and a competent Builder, and if they agree on the cost, their estimate shall be final. If they disagree, another disinterested Architect shall be added, and a majority estimate will be accepted.

Charles S. Walker, President,
John W. Welch, Secretary,
of Board of Directors.

On motion the report was adopted and the Committee were requested to publish same according to their best judgment. On motion adjourned

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois: Jany. 1st. 1901.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors: of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were approved, allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
A. C. McClurg & Co.	28.52
Union Printing Co.	4.00
R. I. Stair Works	5.65
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Linz	20.00
	236.50

Report of the Librarian for the month ending December 31st. 1900. read and on motion ordered placed on records

Circulation

General works.	257
Philosophy	11
Religion	17
Sociology.	36
Science	31
Useful arts	20
Fine arts	25
Literature	83
Fiction	1640
Juvenile Literature	1280
History	334
Total	3734
Reference	598
Grand total	4332

Financial statement.

Received from fines	$7.30
" Membership fee	1.00
" Rent	17.00
	25.30

Deposited with City Treasurer $25.30

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Kramer & Co. reported their proposition to bind all books up to and including the size of magazines for fifty five (55) cents per volume, same style and quality as the binding we have been getting of Ward Bros. and recommended that Kramer & Co. be given another chance, with the understanding that the work should be fully up to this understanding

Report of Committee adopted.

On motion a copy of Webster's Dictionary not needed was presented to a worthy young man through Director J. H. Kerr.

On motion adjourned to Thursday, Jany. 10th, at 7.30 P. M.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. January 10. 1901.
Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion the Board opened the plans submitted for the new Library Building and numbered as per terms of competition adopted. Four plans were presented numbered respectively One. Two. Three. and Four. and corresponding numbers placed on envelopes containing names of Architects' submitting same.

After looking over the plans on motion the President was requested to communicate with Mr. Burnham of Chicago to ascertain if he could come for consultation with us in regard to plans.

On motion adjourned to Friday evening. January 11th. at eight o'clock.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. January 11th, 1901.
Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

After carefully inspecting the various plans a ballot was taken on first choice which resulted in the unanimous selection of plan marked No 4. and Mr Larkin offered the following resolution which was unamiously adopted.

Resolved, that plan No 4. seems to come nearer meeting the wants of the city than any of the others, and the same is selected conditionally that the specifications when submitted and completed meet all proper requirements for such building, and shall be approved by this Board, and also subject to all the requirements of the Circular for competition of plans.

On motion of Mr Foss, plan marked No 3. was unanimously selected for Second Prize. On motion of Mr. Foss. plan marked No 2. was unanimously selected for Third Prize.

On motion Board proceeded to open envelopes with corresponding numbers containing names of Architects. which resulted in disclosing that
No. 4 was by Drack & Kerns.
No. 3 was by O. Z. Cervin
No. 2 was by J. Bergolte.

On motion the Secretary was directed to return the certified check for plan not selected.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. Jany. 17. 1901
Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library called by President Walker.

On motion Director Larkin was authorized to sell the building now on new Library site. and to have the necessary boring done to determine rock formation. for foundation for information of Architects in preparing specifications for letting contract for the new building.

On motion adjourned.

G. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. Feby 5. 1901.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion C. W. Foss was elected President pro tem.

Minutes of previous regular and special meetings read and approved.

The Book Committee presented a list of books needed, on motion same were ordered purchased.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
People's Power Co.	71.75
Osborne Co.	16.20
A. C. McClurg & Co	70.92
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
R. Crampton	1.28
Expenses.	2.89
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O Carter	50.00
Mrs Lenz.	20.00
	366.62

The Librarian's report for the month ending January 31. 1901 presented, and on motion ordered placed on record

Circulation

General works.	256
Philosophy.	11
Religion	15
Sociology	36
Philology	3
Science.	38
Useful arts	20
Fine arts	22
Literature	88
Fiction	1,874

over

Juvenile Literature	1347
History	327
Total.	4037
Reference	634
Grand total.	4671

Financial statement

Received from	fines	7.45
" "	Membership fee	1.00
" "	Rent	17.00
		25.45

Deposited with City Treasurer	25.45

On motion adjourned subject to call of the President when specifications are completed.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois.
March 5th 1901.

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion Louis Kohn was elected President pro. tem.

On motion reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde.	58.33
A. C. McClurg & Co.	43.05
Hayes & Cleaveland.	26.25
R. Crampton	85
Fiebig & Robb.	3.90
Cumulative Index	5.00
Kramer & Co.	40
J. W. Stewart	40
People's Power Co.	2915
Kenyon News & Sub. Co	7.80
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter.	50.00
Mrs Lenz.	20.00
	315.13

The Librarian's report for the month ending February 28th. read, and on motion placed on record.

Circulation

General works.	222
Philosophy	21
Religion	21
Social science	38
Philology	6
Science	62
Useful arts	15

Fine arts	19
Literature	108
Fiction	1883
Juvenile Literature	1149
History	378
Total	3922
Reference.	801
Grand total	4723

Financial statement.

Received from fines	$6.45	
" " Rent	17.00	
" " Mr. Boggess	5.00	28.45
Deposited with City Treasurer.		28.45

The Rooms Committee was authorized to have the chairs repaired.

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. April 2. 1901
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Mitchell & Lynde	$ 58.33
Peoples Power Co.	30.55
Callaghan & Co.	4.00
J. M. Buford	10.50
Jacob Baker.	5.20
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
W. J. Maucker.	10.50
Kramer & Co.	3.85
Expenses Feby & Mch.	2.59
G. H Kingsbury	2.39
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O Carter	50.00
Mrs. Lenz	20.00
	273.16

The Librarian's report for month ending March 31st. read and ordered placed on record.

Circulation

General works	272
Philosophy	18
Religion	23
Social science	26
Philology	5
Science	63
Useful arts	28
Fine arts	35
Literature	85
Fiction	2004
Juvenile Literature	1232
History	402
Total	4.193

Reference	767
Grand total	4960

Received from	fines	4.55
	Mr Boggess	70.00
		$ 74.55

Deposited with City Treasurer $ 74.55

On motion the four books lost by pupils in the High school fire were not required to be replaced by borrowers.

Mr. C. J. Larkin offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That a Building Committee of four directors be appointed by the President. of which the President shall be one. said committee to look after the details and erection of the new library building. subject however, to the direction of this Board. as given from time to time. provided. that said committee shall not have power to make any change in the plans

The Book Committee was authorized to purchase the list of books presented.

On motion the matter of subscribing for the Library of Literary Criticism was referred to the Book Committee with power to act.

On motion adjourned to Tuesday evening April 16th at 730 o'clock.

J. W. Welch.
Secy

Rock Island. Illinois
April 16th 1901.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion order directed drawn in payment of $62.14. Special tax for pavement on library property.

The President called attention to the necessity of some means of supply in case of absence of the Librarian or Assistant

Adjourned to Tuesday evening. April 23. 1901.

Rock Island, Illinois. April 23d 1901

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

A. C. McClurg	98.21
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
J. H. Montgomery.	1.05
Mrs. A. W. Gould	1.00
	158.59

The following resolution was offered by C. J. Larkin and unanimously adopted.

Resolved:- that the Librarian is hereby instructed to receive Miss Elizabeth Chamberlin and Miss Ada Durham as apprentices in the Library, and that they be under the control of the Librarian and be required to devote two hours per day in the Library as directed by the Librarian, without compensation until further order of the Board.

The detailed plans and specifications for the new Library Building were carefully examined and considered with the architect.

The President appointed the following members as a Building Committee: viz C. J. Larkin, J. W. Welch, L. Kohn.

On motion, the plans and specifications were referred to the Building Committee for closer inspection. and if found to be satisfactory. the Committee authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the building.

On motion adjourned subject to the call of the President if deemed necessary before the next regular meeting.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois: May 7th. 1901

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed and orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

People's Power Co.	19.96
R. Bowker.	3.65
George Wagner.	5.25
Hayes Cleaveland.	5.25
Expenses.	1.95
Ellen Gale.	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Mary Lenz.	20.00
	176.06

The Librarian's report for the month ending April 30th read, and on motion, ordered placed on file.

Circulation

General works	229
Philosophy	14
Religion	12
Social science	49
Philology.	5
Science	34
Useful arts	17
Fine arts	16
Literature	92
Fiction	1634
Juvenile	980
History	264
Total	3346
Reference	870
Grand total	4216

Received from fines $6.67

Deposited with City Treasurer. $6.67

The Book Committee presented a list of books needed, and on motion were directed to purchase same.

The Building Committee made verbal report of their labors, and the Board went into committee of the whole, to further examine plans and spefications.

On motion adjourned to Tuesday evening, May 28th.

J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois. May 28th 1901

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On account of difficulty in getting prices on material, on motion of C. J. Larkin, the time for receiving bids for the new Library building was extended to June 6th, at six o'clock P.M.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills which were read, approved, allowed, and orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Sibley & Ducker	5.00
A. C. Mc Clurg	86.78
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
R. Haverstick	5.25
Lela F. Johnson	5.25
Library Bureau	1.79
Union Printing Co.	9.70
H. L. Schill.	10.50
Ellen Gale.	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mary Lenz.	20.00
	322.60

On motion the Book Committee were directed to purchase the supplementary volume of Appleton's "Cyclopaedia of American Biography". and the sixth volume of Larned's "History for Ready Reference."

On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 4, 1901

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Peoples Power Co.	16,10
Consolidated Ice Co.	5,25
McCabe & Co	1,35
R. R. Bowker.	12,50
	35,20

The Librarian's report for the month ending May 31th was presented read and placed on record

Circulation

General works	203
Philosophy	12
Religion	22
Sociology	23
Philology	6
Science	33
Useful arts	26
Fine arts	21
Literature	84
Fiction	1,513
Juvenile literature	824
History	248
Total	3,015
Reference	630
Grand Total	3,645

Financial statement

Received from fines	7,04
Deposited with City Treasurer	$7,04

On motion adjourned to June 6th at 7,30 P. M.

J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island, Illinois, June 4, 1901
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved allowed, and on motion orders directed drawn in payment of the same.

Peoples Power Co.	16.10
Consolidated Ice Co.	5.25
McCabe & Co	1.35
R. R. Bowker.	12.50
	35.20

The Librarian's report for the month ending May 31th was presented read and placed on record

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Grand Total	3.645

Financial statement

Received from fines 7.04
Deposited with City Treasurer $7.04

On motion adjourned to June 6th at 7.30 P.M.
J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island, June 6. 1901

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The bids for construction of Library building being in

Motion of Director Kerr that we do now open the bids beginning with general construction was carried. On this work bids were received under the various propositions from the following parties. W. M. Crilly, Collins Brothers- John Volk & Co. On these the bid of Collins Brothers was apparently the lowest. Bids on Heating & Plumbing. Electric lighting and Metal furnishing were opened in succession, and considered in their various forms, and on a recapitulation of the lowest bids on each it was discovered that the aggregate exceeded the amount of available Funds. and on motion of Director Kerr, duly carried, the bids were referred to the Building Committee to further investigate and report to the Board.

On motion adjourned subject to call of the Building Committee.

J. W. Welch, Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. June 29. 1901.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library called by Building Committee in pursuance of motion of adjournment June 6th. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted: viz.

Resolved, that this Board certify to the City Council of the city of Rock Island, that the sum of Ten Thousand (10.000) Dollars is required to be appropriated and levied upon the taxable property of said city, for the purpose of the erection of the new Public Library building for said city, for the year A.D. 1901, pursuant to the former action of this Board and of said City Council in relation thereto, which sum is one of the parts into which the estimated cost of said building was divided by this Board, pursuant to said statutes of this state; and that the President and Secretary of this Board certify this resolution, and issue to said City Council the certificate required by said statute to be issued, for the levying of said tax.

On motion the Secretary was authorized and requested to return checks of O.Z. Cirven and T. Bergolte that accompanied their plans.

On motion the award of second prize, One Hundred & Fifty Dollars (150.00), be made to plan designed #2, presented by Mr Cirven, and third prize of One Hundred Dollars (100,00), be made to plan designed #3 presented by T. Bergolte, and orders directed drawn in favor

of said parties.
On motion the Secretary was directed to return the certified checks accompanying bids of John Volk & Co., and W. M. Crilly.
The Building Committee reported not having finished the investigation of bids, and asked for further time, which on motion, was granted.
On motion adjourned.

J. W. Welch.
Secy.

To the Honorable Mayor and
City Council of the City of Rock Island
Illinois.

The Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and Reading Rooms respectfully submit their report for the year ending June 1, 1901, as per appended exhibits, and would especially call attention to the very complete and carefully prepared report of the Librarian designated Exhibit "F", which shows in detail the work done, and the condition of the Library.

We would also call your attention by way of explanation to the misleading report of our financial condition as shown by the report of the City Treasurer, designated Exhibit "C", which shows our account overdrawn $609.72 to which should be added the sum of $177.00, proceeds of rent and sale of building on the new Library lot deposited with him, which would show an apparent deficit of $786.72, whereas, owing to the delay in collection of taxes but about two thirds of the amount of levy has been paid over to the Treasurer for our account. When this is done, which we presume will be in the very near future we will have a very respectable balance to our credit.

We have been diligently working amid several unavoidable hinderances towards the erection of our new Library building. After making arrangements for the necessary funds in anticipation of the taxes ordered levied, we select ed a plan conditionally and had specifications prepared and through advertisement asked for bids on same. These are now in hands of contractors and the bids will be received and considered in the very near future, and we trust our next annual report to you may be prepared in our new building, one that will be a source of pride to every resident of our city.

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Exhibit	"A"	shows	receipts.
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"	"F"		Librarian's report to the Board

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. Welch. Secy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me ..... a Notary Public of the City of Rock Island County of Rock Island and state of Illinois on the 11th day of June 1901.

William J. Sweeney
Notary Public.

"A"

Statemement of the receipts of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1901.

	1900			
May	31	By Balance	27	10
Aug.	7	" Fines etc.	18	80
Sept	8	" Tax	1000	
Oct	15	" Fines rent etc	30	91
Nov	5	" " "	25	15
Dec	4	" " "	14	27
"	31	" " "	25	30
	1901			
Feby	5	" " "	25	45
Mch	4	" " "	28	45
Apl	13	" " "	74	55
"	15	" Tax	2057	53
May	6	" Fines etc	6	67
"	31	" " "	7	04
			3341	22

"B"

Statement of expenses of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1901.

	1900		Library No	City No		
June	12	To Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2775	1680	58	33
"	"	" C. Ehlers Awnings	2776	1674	18	00
"	"	" Eddy & Stroehle Newspapers	2777	1712	16	00
"	"	" Union Printing Co. Subscript.	2778	1679	12	35
"	"	" McCabe & Co., Dust cloth	2779	1684	1	00
"	"	" Kate Spear. Kleansall	2780	1678	2	50
"	"	" Hayes & Cleaveland. Insurance	2781	1724	5	25
"	"	" L. F. Johnson "	2782	1676	5	25
"	"	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2783	1682		80
"	"	" H. L. Schill. Insurance	2784	1683	10	50
"	"	" Consolidated Ice Co., Ice	2785	1677	5	25
"	"	" Kramer & Co., Supplies	2786	1681		50
"	"	" People's Power Co., Light May	2787	1692	19	38
"	"	" George Wagner. Insurance	2788	1675	10	50
July	3	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent June	2789	1691	58	33
"	"	" People's Power Co., Light June	2790	1693	13	35
"	"	" Kramer & Co., Binding	2791	1690	11	50
"	"	" Funk & Wagnalls. Books	2792	1688	17	00
"	"	" A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	2793	1689	36	81
"	"	" G. L. Quist. Insurance	2794	1695	5	25
"	"	" Ellen Gale Salary June	2795	1685	70	00
"	"	" H. O. Carter " "	2796	1686	50	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz " "	2797	1687	15	00
"	"	" A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	2798	1694	48	05
Aug.	8	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent July	2799	1703	58	33
"	"	" People's Power Co., Light "	2800	1705	9	34
"	"	" Consolidated Ice Co., Ice	2801	1702	5	25

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1900			Library No	City No		
Aug	8	To Brought forward			563	82
"	"	" Eddy & Stroehle. Globe-Dem.	2802	1711	4	00
"	"	" Union Printing Co., Printing	2803	1704	1	25
"	"	" G. H. Kingsbury. Supplies	2804	1701	1	64
"	"	" R.I. Stair Works. Bulletin	2805	1700	4	05
"	"	" R. Crampton Supplies	2806	1727	1	45
"	"	" Ellen Gale Expenses	2807	1708	1	68
"	"	" " " Salary July	2808	1696	70	00
"	"	" H. O. Carter " "	2809	1697	50	00
"	"	" Fanny Cleland. Substitute "	2811	1699	20	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz	2810	1698	15	00
September	4	" Mitchell & Lynde, Rent Aug.	2812	1713	58	33
"	"	" Ellen Gale Salary. Aug.	2813	1706	70	00
"	"	" H.O. Carter " "	2814	1707	50	00
"	"	" Fanny Cleland Substitute	2815	1710	20	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz Salary Aug.	2816	1709	15	00
"	"	" A.C. McClurg & Co. Books	2817	1714	95	00
October	2	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent Sept.	2818	1729	58	00
"	"	" D. Appleton & Co. Book	2819	1715	6	00
"	"	" People's Power Co. Light Sept	2820	1723	40	16
"	"	" Consolidated Ice Co. Ice	2821	1721	5	25
"	"	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2822	1728	2	20
"	"	" Kramer & Co. Binding	2823	1736	3	50
"	"	" Ward Brothers "	2824	1716	163	03
"	"	" McCabe & Co. Dust cloth	2825	1722		50
"	"	" A.C. McClurg & Co. Books	2826	1717	19	86
"	"	" Ellen Gale Salary Sept.	2827	1718	70	00
"	"	" H.O. Carter " "	2828	1719	50	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz " "	2829	1720	15	00
"	"	" Ellen Gale Expenses	2830	1725	5	00
"	"	" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2831	1726	52	68
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	1900			Library No.	City No.		
November	6	To	Brought forward			1532	73
"	"	"	Ellen Gale. Salary Oct.	2832	1730	70	00
"	"	"	H. O. Carter " "	2833	1731	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2834	1732	20	00
"	"	"	Mitchell & Lynde. Rent Oct.	2835	1739	58	33
"	"	"	People's Power Co. Light "	2836	1735	29	50
"	"	"	J. W. Stewart Brush broom	2837	1740	3	75
"	"	"	Library Bureau Supplies	2838	1733	1	00
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Expenses. Oct.	2839	1734	1	27
"	"	"	Kenyon News & Subscription Co.	2840	1737	146	50
"	20	"	A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2841	1738	82	47
December	4	"	Mitchell & Lynde Rent Nov	2842	1747	58	33
"	"	"	Kramer & Co. Binding	2843	1746	15	75
"	"	"	Houghton & Co. Book.	2844	1742	1	50
"	"	"	People's Power Co. Light Nov.	2845	1764	31	50
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Expenses "	2846	1741	1	35
"	"	"	McCabe & Co. Dust cloth	2847	1752	1	00
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Salary. Nov.	2848	1743	70	00
"	"	"	H. O. Carter " "	2849	1744	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2850	1745	20	00
"	"	"	A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2851	1748	28	52
January	1901 1	"	Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2852	1754	58	33
"	"	"	Union Printing Co. Printing	2853	1756	4	00
"	"	"	R. I. Stair Works. Book-case	2854	1753	5	65
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Salary Dec.	2855	1749	70	00
"	"	"	H. O. Carter " "	2856	1750	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2857	1751	20	00
"	28	"	A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2858	1755	70	92
February	5	"	Ellen Gale Salary Jany.	2859	1757	70	00
"	"	"	H. O. Carter " "	2860	1758	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2861	1759	20	00
						2692	40

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1901			Library No.	City. No		
February	5	To Brought forward			2692	40
"	"	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent	2862	1760	58	33
"	"	" People's Power Co. Light D&J	2863	1765	71	75
"	"	" Osborne Co. Letter heads	2864	1761	16	20
"	"	" Consolidated Ice Co. Ice	2865	1772	5	25
"	"	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2866	1783	1	28
"	"	" Ellen Gale Expenses D&J.	2867	1762	2	89
"	23	" Kenyon News & Subscription Co	2868	1763	7	80
March	5	" Mitchell & Lynde. Rent Feby	2869	1774	58	33
"	"	" A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2870	1766	43	05
"	"	" Hayes & Cleaveland. Insurance	2871	1802	26	25
"	"	" R. Crampton. Supplies	2872	1795		85
"	"	" Fiebig & Robb. Electric wiring	2873	1793	3	90
"	"	" Cumulative Index. Subscrip.	2874	1767	5	00
"	"	" Kramer & Co. Supplies	2875	1771		40
"	"	" J. W. Stewart. Door spring rep	2876	1775		40
"	"	" People's Power Co. Light Feby	2877	1796	29	15
"	"	" Ellen Gale. Salary. Feby.	2878	1768	70	00
"	"	" H. O. Carter. " "	2879	1769	50	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz " "	2880	1770	20	00
"	13	" H. A. McDonald. Paving tax	2881	1773	62	14
April	2	" Ellen Gale. Salary Mch.	2882	1777	70	00
"	"	" H. O. Carter. " "	2883	1778	50	00
"	"	" Mary Lenz. " "	2884	1779	20	00
"	"	" Mitchell & Lynde Rent "	2885	1787	58	33
"	"	" People's Power Co. Light "	2886	1797	30	55
"	"	" Callaghan & Co. Book	2887	1780	4	00
"	"	" J. M. Buford. Insurance	2888	1782	10	50
"	"	" Jacob Baker. Repairing chairs	2889	1776	5	20
"	"	" Consolidated Ice Co. Ice	2890	1784	5	25
"	"	" W. C. Maucker. Insurance	2891	1786	10	50
					3489	70

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	1901			Library No.	City No.		
April	2	To.	Brought forward			3489	70
"	"	"	Kramer & Co. Binding	2892	1785	3	85
"	"	"	Ellen Gale. Expenses	2893	1781	2	59
"	"	"	G. H. Kingsbury. Supplies	2894	1813	2	39
"	23	"	A. C. McClurg & Co. Books	2895	1788	98	21
"	"	"	Mitchell & Lynde Rent Apl	2896	1799	58	33
"	"	"	J. H. Montgomery. Book	2897	1794	1	05
"	"	"	Mrs. A. W. Gould "	2898	1789	1	00
May	7	"	Ellen Gale. Salary April	2899	1790	70	00
"	"	"	Harriet O. Carter " "	2900	1791	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2901	1792	20	00
"	"	"	People's Power Co. Light. Apl.	2902	1798	19	96
"	"	"	R. R. Bowker. Am Literary Index	2903	1800	3	65
"	"	"	Geo. Wagner. Insurance	2904	1811	5	25
"	"	"	Hayes & Cleaveland "	2905	1803	5	25
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Expenses. Apl.	2906	1801	1	95
"	27	"	A. C. McClurg Books.	2907	1804	86	78
"	28	"	Sibley & Ducker Book	2908	1805	5	00
"	28	"	Mitchell & Lynde. Rent May	2909	1817	58	33
"	"	"	Ralph Haverstick Insurance	2910	1812	5	25
"	"	"	Lela. Johnson "	2911	1815	5	25
"	"	"	Library Bureau Supplies	2912	1806	1	79
"	"	"	Union Printing Co. Sub & printg	2913		9	70
"	"	"	H. L. Schill Insurance	2914	1814	10	50
"	"	"	Ellen Gale Salary May	2915	1807	70	00
"	"	"	Harriet O. Carter " "	2916	1810	50	00
"	"	"	Mary Lenz " "	2917	1808	20	00
"	"	"	R. R. Bowker. Am catalogue	2918	1809	12	50
						4168	28

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City of Rock Island Library account
From June 1st 1900 to June 1st 1901.

City Treasurer.

June	30	Paid Orders	1674	June	30	18	00	
			1675			10	50	
			1676			5	25	
			1677			5	25	
			1678			2	50	
			1679			12	35	
			1680			58	33	
			1681				50	
			1682				80	
			1683			10	50	
			1684			1	00	
			1685			70	00	
			1686			50	00	
			1687			15	00	
			1688			17	00	
			1689			36	81	
			1690			11	50	
			1691			58	33	
			1692			19	38	
			1693			13	35	
			1694			48	05	
			1695			5	25	
			1696			70	00	
			1697			50	00	
			1698			15	00	
			1699			20	00	
			1700			4	05	
			1701			1	64	
			1702			5	25	
			1703			58	33	
			1704			1	25	
			1705			9	34	
			1706			70	00	
			1707			50	00	
			1708			1	68	
			1709			15	00	
			1710			20	00	
			1711			4	00	
			1712			16	00	
			1713			58	33	
			1714			95	00	
			1715			6	00	
			1716			163	03	
			1717			19	86	
			1718			70	00	
			1719			50	00	
			1720			15	00	
			1721			5	25	
			1722				50	
			1723			40	16	
			1724			5	25	
			1725			5	00	
			1726			52	68	
			1727			1	45	
			1728			2	20	
			1729			58	33	
			1730			70	00	
			1731			50	00	
			1732			20	00	
			1733			1	00	
			1734			1	20	
			1735			29	50	
			1736			3	50	
			1737			140	50	
			1738			82	47	
			1739			58	33	
			1740			3	75	
			1741			1	35	
			1742			1	50	
			1743			70	00	
			1744			50	00	
			1745			20	00	
			1746			15	75	2154 15

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June	30	Forward		2154.15	
		Paid Orders	1747	58 33	
			1748	28 52	
			1749	70 00	
			1750	50 00	
			1751	20 00	
			1752	1 00	
			1753	5 65	
			1754	58 33	
			1755	70 92	
			1756	4 00	
			1757	50 00	
			1758	70 00	
			1759	20 00	266090
			1760	58 33	
			1761	16 20	
			1762	2 89	
			1763	7 80	
			1764	31 50	
			1765	71 75	
			1766	43 05	
			1767	5 00	
			1768	70 00	
			1769	50 00	
			1770	20 00	
			1771	40	
			1772	5 25	
			1773	62 14	
			1774	58 33	
			1775	40	
			1776	5 20	
			1777	70 00	
			1778	50 00	
			1779	20 00	
			1780	4 00	
			1781	2 59	
			1782	10 50	
			1783	1 28	
			1784	5 25	
			1785	3 85	
			1786	10 50	
			1787	58 33	
			1788	98 21	
			1789	1 00	
			1790	70 00	
			1791	50 00	
			1792	20 00	
			1794	1 05	
			1795	85	
			1799	58 33	
			1800	3 65	
			1801	1 95	
			1802	26 25	
			1803	5 25	
			1804	86 78	
			1805	5 00	
			1806	1 79	
			1807	70 00	
			1808	20 00	
			1809	12 50	
			1813	2 39	
			1814	10 50	
				3950 94	
June	1	To Balance		609 72	

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May	31	By Balance	27	10
Aug.	7	" Miss Gale	18	80
Sept.	8	Trans from Gen. Fund	1000	00
Oct.	15	By Miss Gale	30	91
Nov.	5	" " "	25	15
Dec.	4	" " "	14	27
Febry.	1901 3	" " "	25	45
Mch	4	" " "	28	45
April	13	" " "	74	55
"	15	Trans from Gen. Fund	2057	53
May	6	By Miss Gale.	6	67
		" " "	7	04
Dec	1900 31	" " "	25	30
			3341	22
		Balance	609	72
			3950	94

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Report of the Finances of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1·1901

Total receipts per schedule "A" 3341.22		
Total expenditures per schedule "B"		4168 28
Orders issued by the Library Board but not presented for payment $\overset{1793}{\#2873}$ \$3.90. $\overset{1796}{2877}$ \$2915 $\overset{1797}{\#2886}$ \$30.55 $\overset{1798}{\#2902}$ \$19.96 $\overset{1811}{\#2904}$ \$5.25 $\overset{1812}{\#2910}$ $\overset{1811}{\$5.25}$ $\overset{1815}{\#2911}$ \$5.25 $\overset{1810}{\#2916}$ \$50.00 #2909 \$58.33 $\overset{2909}{\#2913}$ \$9.70	217 34	
Balance	609 72	
	4168 28	4168 28

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Names of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library and time when their terms of office will expire.

C. J. Larkin	July 1901
J. H. Kerr	" "
Louis Kohn	" "
Walter Johnson	July 1902
J. W. Welch	" "
C. Fiebig	" "
C. L. Walker	July 1903
C. W. Foss	" "
Alexander de Soland	" "

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Rock Island Illinois
June 4th 1901

To the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the work of the Rock Island Public Library for the year ending June 1. 1901. Detailed statistics will be found in tabulated statements appended.

Home and Reference Use of Books.

The Library has been open for the circulation and reference use of books 308 days during the year. The total number of volumes issued for home use was 41.397, and for reference use 6.674 - total 48.071. The average monthly circulation was 3.449, average monthly reference use 556 - total average 4.005. The largest circulation for any month was March, 4.193 volumes issued for home use, and 767 volumes for reference - total 4.960 volumes. The largest circulation of any day was February 9th, 379 volumes issued for home use and 79 volumes for reference - total 458 volumes. Of the books issued for home use the per-cent of fiction was 47.37 and the remaining classes of History, Science, Literature, Juvenile works etc 52.63 per. cent.

13076 volumes have been issued from the Children's Department during the year - a decrease from last year, but still a very great proportion, when it is considered that this department contains only 1.036 volumes. In the purchase of books it has been the en-

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deavor with the means at the disposal of the Board, to distribute the additions to the Library in the various classes in proportion to the deficiencies of each, and to the demands upon it, supplying as far as possible, the needs of students and teachers, but keeping in mind that a great proportion of readers, here as elsewhere, depend upon the Library for entertainment and recreation from lighter literature. Of the books added during the year 36 per-cent were fiction, 11 per-cent children's books, and 53 per-cent classified books. There has been on the part of the library service, an effort made to meet the wants of the student class, and also to draw the attention of the general reader to books of special and permanent value, by means of reading lists of books and magazine articles on timely subjects. Twenty such lists have been prepared during the year, and posted on bulletins made at.

✓ where all could examine them. Author's and statesmen's birthdays, Christmas Thanksgiving, and other holidays have been observed by posting reading lists. All new books are given prominence by placing them on the open shelves."

proportion of the books issued are drawn from these shelves. It is gratifying to state that not one of these books has been lost during deavor with the means at the disposal of the Board, to distribute the additions to the Library in the various classes in proportion to the deficiencies of each, and to the demands upon it, supplying as far as possible, the needs of students and teachers, but keeping in mind that a great proportion of readers, here as elsewhere, depend upon the Library for entertainment and recreation from lighter literature Of the books added during the year 36 per-cent were fiction, 11 per-cent Children's books, and 53 per-cent classified books. There has been on the part of the library service, an effort made to meet the wants of the student class, and also to draw the attention of the general reader to books of special and permanent value, by means of reading lists of books and magazine articles on timely subjects. Twenty such lists have been prepared during the year, and posted on bulletins made attractive by appropriate illustrations. Attention has been called, for example, to books on China, South Africa etc., by posting such lists, and by placing the books listed in the "open-shelves" Here also, are placed a select collection of old standard fiction, a few biographies essays and attractive books of travel. It is notable that a large proportion of the books issued are drawn from these shelves. It is gratifying to state that not one of these books has been lost during

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the year.

Accessions and Miscellaneous Work

The number of volumes reported in the Library last year was 14.262. The total number of additions to the library during the year was 871 of which 752 were added by purchase and 119 by gift. The total deductions of the year of volumes worn out. and withdrawn and lost was 267. leaving total number of volumes in the library 14.866. During the year 312 volumes have been bound 168 notices have been sent to delinquents and seven books have been sent for by messenger.

Cataloguing.

During the year the books added to the library have been accessioned shelf-listed. and catalogued. Work on the subject catalogue has been carried on. but owing to the press of daily routine work. but little progress has been made. But something over six thousand cards have been written.

Respectfully submitted.
Ellen Gale. Librarian.

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Circulation by months according to classification showing reference use.

	1900 June	July	August	September	October	November	December	1901 January	February	March	April	May	
General works	168	229	195	226	217	307	257	256	222	272	229	203	2.781
Philosophy	12	5	5	11	11	7	11	11	21	18	14	12	138
Religion	17	10	4	12	27	16	17	15	21	23	12	22	196
Sociology	23	17	24	27	31	53	36	36	38	26	49	23	383
Philology				8				3	6	5	5	6	33
Science	21	21	29	33	33	39	31	38	62	63	34	33	437
Useful arts	9	12	21	28	20	23	20	20	15	28	17	26	239
Fine arts	4	16	13	22	33	28	25	22	19	35	16	21	254
Literature	39	52	52	71	131	112	83	88	108	85	92	84	997
Fiction	1471	1493	1551	1372	1.507	1.669	1.640	1.874	1.883	2.004	1.634	1.513	19.611
Juvenile literature	1099	1018	899	836	1.131	1.281	1.280	1.347	1.149	1.232	980	824	13.076
History	134	143	97	213	306	406	334	327	378	402	264	248	3.252
Total	2997	3.016	2.890	2.859	3447	3.941	3.734	4.037	3.922	4.193	3.346	3.015	41.397
Reference	420	202	260	285	417	790	598	634	801	767	870	630	6.674
Grand total	3417	3.218	3.150	3.144	3864	4.731	4.332	4.671	4.723	4.960	4.216	3.645	48.071

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Circulation by classes showing Percentage.

	Total	Per-cent
General works	2.781	6.77
Philosophy	138	.33
Religion	196	.47
Sociology	383	.92
Philology	33	.07
Science	437	1.05
Useful arts	239	.58
Fine arts	254	.61
Literature	997	2.40
Fiction	19611	47.37
Juvenile literature	13076	31.58
History	3252	7.85
Total	41.397	100.00

Total number of volumes issued for home use during the year 41.397
Average monthly issue 3.449
Number of days the Library has been open during the year, 308

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Accessions.

Number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1900			14.262
Number added by purchase		752	
Number added by gift		119	
Total accessions		871	
Number worn out and withdrawn	235		
Number burned on account of contagious diseases	20		
Number burned in High School fire	4		
Number lost and paid for	1		
Number lost	7		
Total number withdrawn	267		
Total net accessions			604
Total number of volumes in the Library June 1. 1901			14.866

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Periodicals

Number of periodicals and Newspapers subscribed for	43
Number received by gift	4
Number of duplicate magazines in circulation	23
	70

Binding

Number of volumes rebound	250
Number of volumes newly bound	60
	310

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List of periodicals.

Atlantic Monthly
Book-buyer
Century
Forum
Cosmopolitan
Scribner's Monthly
Harper's Monthly
Littell's Living Age
Popular Science Monthly
North American Review
New England Magazine
Munsey's Magazine
St. Nicholas
Bookman
Political Science Quarterly
Library Journal
Public Libraries
Review of Review
McClure's Magazine
Lippincotts Magazine
Critic
Nation
Publisher's Weekly
Leslie's Illustrated News
Harper's Weekly
Harper's Bazar
Scientific American & Supp
" " Builder's Edition
Puck
Judge
Literary World
Youth Companion
American Architect
Ladies Home Journal
Christian Science Sentinal
Railway Age
Chicago Tribune
Chicago Record-Herald

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Chicago Inter Ocean
Chicago Chronicle
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Rock Island Daily Union
Rock Island Argus
Davenport Democrat
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Statement of fines, rent etc received by Ellen Gale, Librarian and deposited with the City Treasurer during the year ending June 1. 1901

June	1900	By Fines	7 30
	"	" Membership	4 00
July	"	" Fines	5 50
"	"	" Membership	2 00
August	"	" Fines	6 36
September	"	" "	7 30
"	"	" Membership	1 00
"	4	" W. L. Sweeney Rent	17 00
October	"	" Fines	6 15
	"	" Membership	2 00
	4	" W. L. Sweeney Rent	17 00
November		" Fines	7 70
	3	" W. L. Sweeney Rent	17 00
December		" Fines	7 30
		" Membership	1 00
	4	" W. L. Sweeney. Rent	17 00
January	1901	" Fines	7 45
		" Membership	1 00
	5	" W. L. Sweeney Rent	17 00
February		" Fines	6 45
	9	" W. L. Sweeney Rent	17 00
		" H. Boggess	5 00
March		" Fines	4 55
April	2	" H. Boggess	70 00
		" Fines	6 67
May		" Fines	7 04
			267 77

"M"

August	7	To Deposited with City Treasurer	18.80
		" Recording Deed	75
Oct.	15	" Deposited with City Treasurer	30 91
Nov.	5	" " " "	25 15
	10	" W. T. Davis	5 00
Dec.	4	" J. T. Noftsker	5 43
"	"	" Deposited with City Treasurer	14 27
"	31	" " " "	25 30
Feby	5	" " " "	25 45
March	5	" " " "	28 45
April	3	" " " "	74 55
May	6	" " " "	6 67
"		" " " "	7 04
			267 77

Rock Island, Illinois. July 2, 1901.
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders directed drawn in payment of the same

D. Appleton & Co.	11.00
Union Printing Co	7.50
James Lewis	4.00
R. Crampton	2.50
Expenses	4.54
Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
Boston Book Co.	63.50
G. L. Quist	5.25
Library Bureau	1.00
A. C. McClurg & Co.	17.84
Peoples Power Co.	13.23
C. A. Nichols	5.00
W. L. Sweeney	4.50
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Mrs Mary Lenz	20.00
	338.19

The Librarian's report for the month ending June 30th, 1901, read and ordered placed on record.

Circulation

General works	186
Philosophy	9
Religion	11
Sociology	15
Philology	3
Science	23
Useful arts	9
Fine arts	12
Literature	56

over

Fiction	1501
Juvenile literature	767
History	128
Total	2.720
Reference	238
Grand total	2.958

Received from fines $4.86

On motion adjourned subject to call of the Building Committee.

G. W. Welch.
Secy.

Rock Island. Illinois. August 6th. 1901

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

On motion Louis Kohn was elected Secretary pro. tem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Book Committee presented a list of books for purchase. On motion ordered.

The Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read, approved, allowed, and on motion, orders drawn in payment of the same. viz.

Mitchell & Lynde	58.33
G. H. Kingsbury	215
Davenport Democrat	4.65
J. Hendriks	32.70
Eddy & Stroehle	20.00
Library Bureau	3.50
G W. Stewart	1.00
Sibley & Ducker.	5.00
Kramer & Co	143.20
People's Power Co.	28.30
Ellen Gale	70.00
Harriet O. Carter	50.00
Fannie Cleland.	30.00
Mrs Mary Lenz.	20.00
	468.83

The report of the Librarian for the month ending July 31st received and ordered placed on file.

Circulation

General works	178
Philosophy	13
Religion	12
Sociology	12
Science	24
Useful arts	6
Fine arts	13
Literature	33
Fiction	1423

over

Juvenile Literature	786
History	107
Total	2607

Received from fines $6.64
Deposited with City Treasurer $6.64
On motion "The Land of Sunshine" was ordered subscribed for.
On motion a committee of three were appointed to look up the matter of the purchase of a Typewriter.
Committee - Charles Fiebig. A. de Soland & C. L. Walker.
On motion the communication of A Lucas & Sons in regard to book stack referred to the Building Committee.
On motion of A. de Soland that the contract for the Library building be awarded to Collins Brothers. The Board reserving the right to select the stone for the exterior, and the finishing of the second story. Carried.
On motion of C. J. Larkin that the commission of Drack & Kerns be fixed, for plans & specifications & superintendence at five per cent on $60.000. Total not to exceed $3000.^{00}
Carried.
Motion that the President and Secretary pro. tem. be authorized to draw an order in favor of Drack & Kerns for the amount to the credit of the Building fund to apply on said commission, and that their certified check be returned.
On motion adjourned to Saturday, August 10th at 7.30 P. M.

Louis Kohn,
Secy. pro. tem.

Rock Island, Illinois. August 10. 1901.
Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rock Island Public Library.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

President Walker reported having drawn an order on the Building Fund for Eleven Hundred Dollars (\$1100$^{\underline{00}}$) in favor of Drack & Kerns to apply on commission as architects. The Secretary reported having returned to O. Z. Cervin his certified check accompanying plans, and an order for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150$^{\underline{00}}$) as prize for second best plans. Secretary also reported having given order to F. Bergolte for One Hundred Dollars (\$100$^{\underline{00}}$) as prize for third best plan.

After discussing the question of stone for exterior of the new building, first quality of Gray Canyon stone from North Amherst, Ohio quarry, equal to sample and of uniform color, (Mr Scheffer, representing the Cleveland Stone Co., was present and stated to the Board that his Company would furnish such stone) Thereupon Director Fiebig moved that the building be erected of such stone. Motion was seconded, and on being submitted to vote was adopted five to two, and the President declared the motion carried

Thereupon Mr de Soland moved that the Building Committee prepare a contract with Collins Brothers for the erection of the building covered by their bid, of such Grey Canyon Stone, with Carthage marble base and steps, for the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars (\$ 58,147$^{\underline{00}}$) and

submit the same to the Board.
Motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. /
On motion adjourned subject to call of the Building Committee.

J. W. Welch,
Secy.

1898 Receipts June 1. 1898 to May 31. 1899

June 1	By Balance	109 30	
	" Tax.	3809 45	
Sept 1	" Fines	14 78	
Oct 31	" "	23 45	
1899 Jany 3	" "	13 50	
Feby 16	" "	9 15	
Mch 3	" "	7 47	3987,10
Apl 8	" "	9 65	
May 2	" "	11 83	4008,68
" 29	" "	11 37	
		4019.95	

Expenditures 1898-1899

1898				
June 7 "	May bills	305	70	
July 5 "	June bills.	247	23	
Aug. 2 "	July bills.	219	38	
Sept. 6 "	August bills.	321	22	
Oct 4 "	September bills	243	24	
Nov 2 "	October bills.	323	85	
Dec. 6 "	November bills	368	37	
Jany 3 1899	December bills	323	16	
Feby. 7 "	January bills	467	13	
Mch 7 "	February bills	430	72	3250.00
April 4	March bills	290	61	3540.61
May 2	April bills	235	41	
" 27	May bills	164	66	
		3940	68	

1899 Receipts June 1. 1899 to May 31. 1900

June 1	" By balance	83	57	
July 6	" " Fines Dep.	9	28	
	" " Tax	3,826	11	
Oct 31	" " Fines	21	63	ut.
1900 Feby 6	" " "	28	80	3 969.39
May 1	"	18	74	
		11	36	3998 49

Expenditures. June 1. 1899 to May 31. 1900

1899				
June	6	" May bills	153.84	
July	1	" June Salaries	135 00	
August	1	" June + July bills	325.46	
Sept	5	" August bills	298 85	
Oct	3	" September bills	386 00	
Nov.	7	" October bills	241 37	
Dec	5	" November bills	351 91	
1900 Jany	5	" December bills	676 95	
Febry	6	" January bills	306 82	
March	6	" February bills	314 04	3190, 25
April	3	" March bills	214 61	3404, 85
May	1	April bills	408 04	3812 89

5564, 53

	1900	Receipts June 1. 1900 to May 31. 1901			
June 1	"	By Balance			27. 10
	"	"	Tax levy		4882 04
Aug 7	"	"	Fines		18 80
Oct 15	"	"	Dept. by Librarian		30 91
Nov. 5	"	"	"	"	25. 15
Dec 4		"	"	"	14. 27
Dec 31	"	"	"	"	25. 30
Feby 5	1901	"	"	"	25. 45
Mch 5		"	"	"	28. 45
Apl 8		"	"	" 5072.47	74. 55
May 6		"	"	"	6. 67
" 31		"	"	"	7 04

Expenditures June 1900 to

June 12 1900	May bills	Less $135.00 salaries pd May.	361.61
July 3 "	June bills		277.24
Aug. 7 "	July bills		290.04
Sept 4 "	August bills		213.33
Oct 2	September bills		533.83
Nov 5	October bills	246.96 Less $10.47 pd from rent	296.96
Dec 4	November bills		478.40
Jany 1 1901	December bills		236.50
Feb. 5.	January bills		366.62
Mch 5	February bills		315.13
Apl. 2	March bills		273.16
23	April bills		220.73
May 7	" "		176.06
28	May bills		322.60

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	1901	Receipts June 1 1901 to May 31. 1902		
June	1	By Balance		
June	26	" Tax levy	4.613.	28
July	19	" Fines etc.	4	86
August	6	" "	6	64
September	3	" "	5	01
October	1	" "	4	39
Dec	3	" "	5	67
Nov	4	" "	7	60
Dec	3	" "	5	64
	1902			
Jany.	7	" "	5	08
Feby	4	" "	7	80
March	4	" "	5	95
April	1	" "	9	90
May	6	" "	10	86

	1901	Expenditures June 1 1901 to May 31. 1902		
June	4	May bills		35.20
July	2	June "		338.19
Aug.	6	July "		468 83
Sept	3	August "		374 37
Oct.	1	September "		401 83
Nov.	5	October "		258 38
Dec	3	November "		327.87
	1902			
Jany	7	December "		585 72
Feby	4	January "	3026.65	236 26
Mch	4	February "		332 00
April	1	March "	3658.46	329 81
May	6	April "		282 11
June	3	"		

June 1 1902 Receipts of the Rock Island Public Library

" 1 "	By Balance		1414	18
"	" Tax Levy		5364	37
2 "	" Fines etc		8	50
July 1 "	" " "		13	20
Aug "	" " "		6	30
Sept "	" " "		5	50
Oct. "	" " "		6	05
Nov 4	" "		6	33
Dec 2	" " "		6	28
1903 Jany 5 "	" " "	6838.71	8	00
Feby 3 "	" " "		8	34
March 2	" " "		7	06
April 7	" " "		5	82
May 5	" " "		7	54
" 29	" " "		9	80
			6877	27

1902 Expenditures of the Rock Island Public Library

June	3	"	To May bills	412 80
July	1	"	" June bills	227 22
Aug.	5	"	" July bills	387 58
Sept.	2	"	" August bills	252 78
Oct	7	"	" September bills	267 48
Nov.	4	"	" October bills	338 47
Dec	2	"	" November bills	477 47
Jany.	6 1903		" December bills	2646.46 272 66
Feby	3	"	" January bills	330 68
Mch	3	"	" February bills	489 98
Apl.	7	"	" March bills	292 04
May	5	"	" April bills	272 15
				4031 31
				2500 00
				6531 31

June 3 ~~1908~~ $ 84.65

June	1903 1	Receipts of the Rock Island Public Library			
	"	By Balance		408	41
"	"	" Tax Levy		5,464	00
July	7 "	" Fines Deposited		7	66
Aug	4 "	" " "		8	80
Sept.	1 "	" " "		6	78
Oct.	6 "	" " "	5902,32	6	67
Nov	3 "	" " "		7	28
Dec.	8	" " "		5	50
Jany	1904 11 "	" " "		3	82
Feb.	1 "	" " "	5925,02	6	10
Mch	1 "	" " "		11	15
Apl	11	" " "		13	21
May	3	" " "		10	70
	31	" " "		9	80

1903 Expenditures of the Rock Island Public

June	" "	Library			
"	2	To may bills		249	60
July	7 "	" June bills		232	96
"	8	"		11	50
Aug.	4 "	" July bills		251	58
Sept.	1 "	" August bills		239	03
Oct	6 "	" September bills	1270.62	297	45
Nov	3 "	" October bills		558	11
Dec	1	" november bills		727	41
	1904	December		88	30
Jany	5	" December bills		869	06
"	12	"		109	19
Feb	2	" January bills	3794.71	370	51
Mch.	1	" February bills		692	20
Apl	5	" march bills		523	05
May	3	" april bills		261	88
				3487.63	

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